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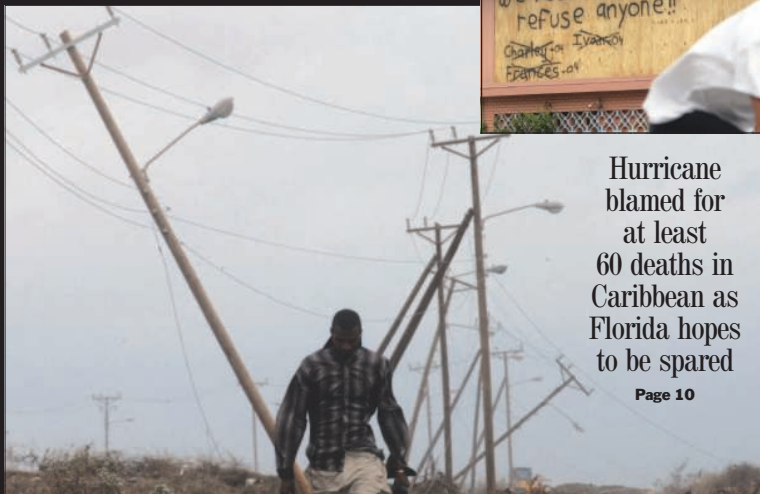
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Left: A Jamaican man walks in front of collapsed electrical poles, part of the damage left behind around Kingston, Jamaica, on Sunday after Hurricane Ivan passed through. Above: A cyclist rides Sunday by a boarded-up business with a message for the powerful storm in Madeira Beach, Fla.

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Church sex abuse: The Archdiocese of Boston has received at least 140 new reports of sexual abuse by priests, but said it will not negotiate the claims until it resolves disputes with its insurers over payment of last year's \$85 million settlement.

Archdiocese spokesman the Rev. Christopher J. Coyne told the Boston Sunday Globe that the archdiocese cannot afford to settle the new claims, which legal analysts said could come to about \$20 million.

Mitchell Garabedian, an attorney for some of the plaintiffs in the new round of claims, said the church has enough resources to settle the claims without insurance.

Sheltering accused priests: Some Roman Catholic religious orders have been sheltering priests in Rome despite claims that the men sexually abused minors, according to The Dallas Morning News.

Of the seven accused priests the newspaper located, one has been indicted in Arizona, but refuses to return to face the charges. Two others had admitted to abuse years ago, but now face additional claims.

World

Israeli withdrawal from Gaza: Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Sunday criticized extremist opponents of his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, saying that heightened rhetoric could lead to civil war.

Sharon issued the warning hours before opponents of his Gaza pullout plan were to hold a mass demonstration in Jerusalem. Protest organizers accused Sharon of smearing what they said is an overwhelmingly peaceful resistance movement.

The issue of incitement has been especially sensitive in Israel since the 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an ultra-nationalist Jew opposed to peace making with the Palestinians.

Israeli barrier expansion: Responding to a Supreme Court order, Israel plans to re-examine a 125-mile section of its West Bank barrier that was built months ago, Israeli media reported Sunday.

According to the reports, the state's attorney told the judges at a High Court hearing Sunday that the northern section of the barrier — part of which surrounds the Palestinian town of Qalqilya with concrete walls — will be re-examined.

The High Court ruled in July that a 20-mile stretch of the structure violated Palestinian rights and international law. A U.N. world court nonbinding advisory opinion — also issued in July — declared the barrier illegal and called on Israel to tear it down.

Australian security: Australia would be safer if it had not supported the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, opposition Labor Party leader Mark Latham said Sunday, just days after Canberra's embassy in Jakarta was hit by a deadly bomb attack.

In the only scheduled debate between Latham and Prime Minister John Howard



Pakistani prisoners released in Afghanistan: Pakistani prisoners line up after their release Sunday from Pul-e-Charki prison in Kabul. The group of 363 Pakistani war prisoners jailed for fighting with the Taliban were released from the jail in a gesture meant to heal touchy relations with Asian neighbors. Many Taliban fighters have languished in crumbling Afghan jails, waiting for politicians to decide their fate.

before Oct. 9 federal elections, Latham said Howard's government should have concentrated its resources on identifying and breaking up terror networks closer to home.

Russian hostage crisis: Russia's Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said Sunday that Moscow and Washington speak a common language on fighting terror, and defended Russia's right to deal pre-emptive strikes on terrorist bases abroad in the wake of the school hostage seizure.

Ivanov said he had spoken twice with U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld last week, adding that the U.S. administration was more receptive to Moscow's arguments than some European officials.

"I attribute it to the fact that the Americans and the U.S. military have a better understanding of the seriousness of this threat since the United States and us both have been targeted in powerful terror attacks," Ivanov said in an interview on the NTV television channel.

Sweden terror arrest: One of four men arrested by Swedish security police in April on suspicion of plotting attacks against U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq has been released, his lawyer said Sunday.

Lebanese-born Bilal Ramadan was released Friday after the Stockholm Court of Appeal found there was not enough evidence to keep him in custody, attorney Johan Eriksson said in a radio interview.

WWII reparations in Poland: The Polish government views the question of German reparations for World War II as closed, War-

saw's ambassador to Germany said in comments published Sunday after Polish lawmakers urged their government to seek compensation.

The nonbinding resolution passed Friday by the lower house of parliament was a response to claims by some Germans for restitution of former property in Poland. While it expressed understanding for lawmakers' concerns, the government had raised worries that it could harm relations with Germany.

Indonesian terror attack: Indonesian police warned Sunday of more terror attacks as they stepped up investigations into a suicide bomb that killed nine people and wounded more than 170 in front of the Australian Embassy.

"There are many suicide bombers still out there," said a top police official, who refused to be named. "There is the possibility of another attack, but it's difficult to predict where they will strike."

Police said they were searching for two suspected masterminds of Thursday's embassy attack — Malaysians Azahari bin Husin and Nordin Top — who they believe are key members of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah terror group which has been blamed for the bombing.

War on terrorism

Pakistan militant clashes: Pakistan's army reported up to 11 people died in clashes between security forces and militants Sunday in a restive tribal region near the Afghan border where al-Qaida-linked fighters are believed to be hiding.

The clashes began around midnight when militants attacked security forces in the mountains of South Waziristan — where the military says it killed more than 60 militants last week when it destroyed a suspected terrorist training camp.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Correction

A story Friday about the capture of three suspected kidnappers by the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment had incorrect information. The soldiers involved in the mission were from the 1st Platoon.

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At least 59 dead in violent day across Iraq

Arab journalist killed in U.S. airstrike while filming report

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents hammered central Baghdad on Sunday with one of their most intense mortar and rocket barrages ever in the heart of the capital, heralding a day of violence that killed nearly 60 people nationwide as security appeared to spiral out of control.

At least 37 people were killed in Baghdad alone. Many of them died when a U.S. helicopter fired on a disabled U.S. Bradley fighting vehicle as Iraqis swarmed around it, cheering, throwing stones and waving the black and yellow sunburst banner of Iraq's most-feared terror organization.

The dead from the helicopter strike included Arab television reporter Mazen al-Tuneisi, who screamed, "I'm dying," as a cameraman recorded the chaotic scene. An Iraqi cameraman working for the Reuters news agency and an Iraqi freelance photographer for Getty Images were wounded.

Maimed and lifeless bodies of young men and boys lay in the street as the stricken U.S. vehicle was engulfed in flames and thick black smoke.

Across the country, the death toll Sunday was at least 59, according to figures from the Health Ministry, the Multinational Force and local authorities. Nearly 200 people were wounded, more than half of them in Baghdad.

Strong detonations again shook the center of Baghdad after dusk on Sunday. There were no reports of damage or casualties.

As the early-morning barrage was under way in Baghdad, insurgents attacked the infamous U.S. Abu Ghraib prison on the city's western edge. Several mortar shells exploded outside



A U.S. military helicopter flies near a destroyed Humvee after a suicide attacker detonated a car bomb near it on Sunday in Baghdad. The militant group Tawhid and Jihad claimed responsibility for Sunday's series of coordinated attacks in Baghdad, including near the U.S.-run prison Abu Ghraib.

the complex about 6 a.m., and about 20 minutes later a pickup truck packed with artillery shells crashed through the chain-link fence on the outer perimeter.

Marines opened fire and the vehicle exploded before reaching the main security wall, killing the driver, a military statement said.

Seven people were later arrested, it said.

Tawhid and Jihad, a militant group linked to al-Qaida and led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said it carried out Sunday's coordinated campaign of violence in Baghdad.

The statement's source could not be verified, but the scope and intensity of the attacks raised serious questions about the state of security, which has deteriorated since the June 28 transfer of sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government.

In Basra, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi vowed to pursue insurgents.

"We are adamant that we are

going to defeat terrorism," Allawi said. "We intend to confront them and bring them to justice."

Interior Minister Falah Hassan al-Naqib suggested the attacks could be in response to a government operation against the Adel neighborhood of west Baghdad, an insurgent hotbed. However, the scope of the attacks suggested they had been in preparation for some time.

Meanwhile, 10 people were killed and 40 were wounded in fighting in the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, said hospital director Abdel Munim Afan.

Three American soldiers and two Iraqi civilians were wounded Sunday when a suicide driver blew up his car next to a U.S. Army convoy on the road to Baghdad International Airport, American sources said. The vehicle was one of seven car bombs reported Sunday in Iraq, two of which did not explode, the sources said.

Rockets and mortar shells

began raining down before dawn on the Green Zone, headquarters of the Iraqi government and its U.S. allies, and other parts of central Baghdad. As the shelling continued after sunrise, U.S. troops backed by armored vehicles moved into the streets searching for the attackers.

A Bradley fighting vehicle rushing down Haifa Street, a major traffic artery near the Green Zone, to assist a U.S. patrol was disabled by a car bomb about 6:50 a.m., the U.S. military said. Two Bradley crewmen were wounded by the bomb and four were injured by grenades and small-arm fire as they fled the vehicle, the military said.

Jubilant fighters, curiosity seekers and young boys swarmed around the burning vehicle, dancing, cheering and hurling fire bombs. Several young men placed a black and yellow banner of Tawhid and Jihad in the barrel of the Bradley's main gun.

Fearing the crowd would loot

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,008 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 762 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand and the Netherlands two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 870 U.S. military members have died — 653 as a result of hostile action and 217 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Friday. There was no update provided Saturday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths were reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No identifications were reported.

the vehicle of weapons and ammunition, American soldiers called for air support, and as U.S. Army helicopters flew over the burning Bradley, "they received small arms fire from the insurgents in vicinity of the vehicle," a military statement said.

Iraq's Health Ministry said 13 people were killed and 61 wounded on Haifa Street, though it was unclear how many were killed by the helicopter strike. Scattered shoes, pools of fresh blood and debris littered the street.

Twelve more people died and 41 were injured in other violence across the city Sunday, the Health Ministry said.

General convinced bin Laden still pulling strings from underground

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The trail has gone cold in the hunt for suspected Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden three years after the audacious attacks, but the al-Qaida chief and his No. 2 are still orchestrating strikes like the recent suicide car bombing of a U.S. security firm in Kabul, a top American commander said.

Gen. Eric Olson said the military had not intercepted any radio traffic or instructions from either bin Laden or his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri. But he said the involvement of well-trained foreign fighters in attacks near the Pakistani border convinced him that the fugitive leaders were pulling the strings.

"What we see are their techniques and

their tactics here in Afghanistan, so I think it is reasonable to assume that the senior leaders are involved in directing those operations," Olson, the operational commander of U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan, said in an interview Saturday.

The Aug. 26 car bomb that killed about 10 people, including three Americans, at the office of a firm providing bodyguards for President Hamid Karzai also bears the hallmarks of the militant network, Olson said.

"We've even tied it to a group that has

ties to al-Qaida. It could be a splinter group of some sort," Olson said after a ceremony at the U.S. base at Bagram north of Kabul to mark the third anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"It's a new group, apparently a group that was carved from al-Qaida," he said. "They have members in Pakistan and they have been active in Afghanistan, and this recent attack is the most blatant example." He declined to elaborate.

There were reports Saturday of fresh fighting in the country, where more than 900 people — mostly Afghan security forces and rebels — have died in political violence this year.

In the troubled southern province of Zabul, Afghan officials said two Arabs were killed and two more captured in a fire-fight with U.S. and Afghan troops, and that

Taliban gunmen killed two elders for supporting the government. In neighboring Kandahar, eight Taliban fighters and three Afghan soldiers were reported killed in two more incidents.

Olson said some militants attacking U.S. forces along the Pakistani border with mortars and rockets expertly aimed their aim at betraying a local tribal feud, not commonly seen among Taliban fighters.

American and Afghan officials predict that militant attacks which have also killed dozens of aid workers and government officials will intensify with the approach of Oct. 9 presidential elections.

"I don't think we're close at all" to defeating the insurgents, Olson said, but insisted organizing a successful vote could convince many opponents to give up the fight.



Olson

When returning home means back to work

By RON JENSEN

Stars and Stripes

Baghdad to Bismarck.

It's a long road from the Iraqi capital city to the one in North Dakota.

Longer still if the traveler starts the journey as a combat soldier and ends it as a teacher. Or salesman. Or farmer.

For America's citizen-soldiers in the National Guard and Reserves, the adjustment to a post-Iraq world includes a step not required of their active-duty brethren.

Active-duty troops remain in uniform. They continue to salute and say "Yes, sir." They train. They drill.

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It might be the journey's longest step.

The military world is black and white," said Scott Staudinger, who spent 13 months in Iraq with the North Dakota National Guard. "The civilian world is more gray."

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Shelly Sizer, a family readiness coordinator for the National Guard in North Dakota, said, "The National Guard, for them, is a part-time job. Their full-time job is in the civilian world."

Sizer said she recently visited a grocery store and the young woman at the checkout counter had been in Iraq for a year with the Guard.

"I thought to myself, 'My goodness, what a leap,'" she said.

The war in Iraq is being fought with large numbers of National Guard and Reserve members, the largest call-up of these troops in decades. Almost 40,000 are currently on duty in Iraq.

The North Dakota National Guard sent more than 600 troops to the region in the spring of 2003. Before their return this summer, five members were killed.

And while some were returning, more from the state were deploying.

For those who have returned, the adjustment to civilian life is the new challenge, replacing the insurgents who at attack and melt into the landscape.

Maj. Gen. Michael J. Haugen, commander of the North Dakota National Guard, said the jump from the military world to the civilian

"The camaraderie that you have built up [while in uniform] all of a sudden stops. ... You are changing your whole psyche."

Maj. Gen. Michael J. Haugen
Commander
North Dakota National Guard



CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) DAVE JOHNSON, RIGHT: Photo courtesy of the North Dakota National Guard
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Stars and Stripes

Tips on transitioning

Mary Graham, senior policy adviser for the National Mental Health Association, has created a list of tips for National Guard members and reservists returning to the civilian world after a deployment in support of the war on terrorism. She said the transition to work after so much time in uniform and a war zone can be tough. She offered these suggestions to ease the transition.

■ **Contact your supervisor:** Before returning to work, ask for a briefing on the current situation, including issues such as how your responsibilities were handled during your absence, changes in personnel and new policies and projects.

■ **Ease into your return to work:** Focus on communicating, being patient, ant-

icipating and accepting changes, and using this time as an opportunity to start fresh.

■ **Avoid "taking charge":** Recognize that your absence may have forced co-workers to take on some of your responsibilities and they may resent it if they feel you've come back to take control or criticize them. Be supportive of decisions made and ease back into your previous role gently and with open communication.

■ **Consult your commanding officer:** He or she may have experience advising others with similar transitions, or may be willing to speak to your employer on your behalf to address concerns and to ensure a supportive environment for you when you return to work.

■ **Talk about it:** By talking with others, particularly others going through the same process, you will relieve stress and realize that other people share your feelings. Reach out to trusted relatives, friends or faith leaders.

■ **Take care of your physical health:** Getting plenty of rest and exercise, eating healthy, as well as avoiding drugs and excessive drinking, will help you manage the stress more effectively.

■ **Know your rights:** You are protected by the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, which applies to all employers regardless of their size.

— Ron Jensen

world can be daunting.

"The camaraderie that you have built up [while in uniform] all of a sudden stops," he said. "You're expected to go back into your civilian community and be Joe Mechanic or Joe Teacher or Joe Farmer. You are changing your whole psyche."

"It's got to be culture shock for them," said Mary Graham, senior policy adviser for the National Mental Health Association. "Work is where you spend the majority of your time."

Staudinger was a first lieutenant with the 142nd Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) in Iraq. He was away from Dickinson, N.D., for 16 months before returning to his job as direct accounts manager for TMI Systems Designer Corp., which designs storage computer partners for schools, hospitals and the like.

"Your company realizes you've been gone," he said, "but they all think you're the same person you were when you left."

He and his soldiers spent a lot of time under fire while building bridges in Iraq. Three soldiers in his unit were killed.

"Mortared. Shot at. It was pre-

tense," he said. "I had two [improvised explosive devices] go off right by me."

Staudinger, 36, faced different problems when he returned to his hometown of 15,000 in western North Dakota.

"I could not make decisions. You felt like you were out of your element," he said. "That was an issue."

His bosses allowed him to ease back into the job, which is what he's been doing, working a few days a week at first and building up to full time. Eventually, he said, he made the adjustment.

"Don't expect it to happen overnight because it took a year and a half to get you to this point," he said.

Shana Peltz, too, was able to slip slowly into her job as a fifth-grade teacher in Hebron, N.D. She returned in March 2004 after 14 months away and was given the opportunity to be a substitute teacher.

"It was really a good transition," said Peltz, 26. "That way, I didn't feel the pressure of going back to work right away."

Another factor to the adjustment is the change that may have taken place in the workplace. Gra-

ham said companies have downsized, eliminating workers. A returning troop's job may have changed. He or she may have new colleagues and new responsibilities.

"That's the magnifying [the transition]," she said.

Another issue popping up is the isolation. While active-duty members have the benefit of seeing daily people they served with downrange, the citizen-soldiers are often the only person in their workplace — or, sometimes, community — who has walked in the desert of Iraq.

Bernadette Ternes, hired as a social worker by Haugen for this purpose, said she frequently hears from soldiers returning to civilian life and struggling to relate to colleagues or others who were not away.

"I encourage them to talk to, let their co-workers know they've been through this experience," she said.

Also, she said, she tells them to talk to "battle buddies," friends who were with them in Iraq.

Peltz did a friend from Iraq visited her this summer. They spent the day looking at photographs from the deployment and reminiscing.

"It was nice to have someone who understood," said Peltz, who married shortly before deploying.

Haugen also brought on board Chaplain (Capt.) Dave Johnson to help returning soldiers deal with the transition. Johnson, too, said troops have told him about feelings of being alone in a strange new world.

"You come home and you're spread throughout the state," he said. "They do feel isolated."

He noticed, too, that even though he is unknown to most returning troops, since he did not deploy with them, they call him rather than go to their own pastor in the community.

"I've talked to a lot of people who wanted to talk to a military person," he said.

Haugen has also encouraged the troops to seek out veterans groups such as the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars. And he's asked the veterans groups to seek out his troops.

"It's kind of making them realize, 'Hey, there are guys who have done this before me,'" he said.

The North Dakota National Guard is trying to keep in touch with its returned troops. But once they return, they scatter like wheat chaff at the corners of the state and beyond.

This, too, is a difference from the active-duty world, where the services and the clients are on the same base.

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Ternes



Peltz



Johnson



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No base camaraderie can leave reserve families feeling isolated

BY RON JENSEN
Stars and Stripes

The home front was a lonely place for Holly Romano when her husband, Anthony, a member of the National Guard in Maine, deployed to Iraq, leaving her with the couple's two children.

No other wife or husband in Sanford, Maine, had bid farewell to a deploying spouse. No other person in town shared her concerns.

"I had one woman in the next town whose husband was with my husband," Holly Romano said. "We talked quite a bit. I felt like no one was around."

That is one of the differences between active-duty troops and members of the National Guard and Reserves, who have been called up for duty in Iraq and Afghanistan in numbers not seen for decades. Guard and Reserve families are left behind, often alone with their thoughts and worries.

"In the [active-duty] military, they have a whole base full of families going through the same thing," Anthony Romano said. "Our families are isolated."

His deployment was somewhat unusual, adding to his wife's isolation. He left in April 2003 with only 27 other members of the 133rd Engineer Battalion from throughout Maine. But they were attached to a unit from Georgia.

"When my husband left, the rest of the unit was still here," said Holly Romano.

His friends, she said, could not understand her sense of loneliness and fear. They treated her husband's absence as nothing extraordinary.

"You just don't understand what it's like until you've been through it," she said.

The Romanos' son, Devin, 10, had his own problems.

"My son got called a liar because he said his dad was in Iraq," Anthony Romano said.

Imagine that happening in Baumholder or Würzburg, Germany, where thousands of families sent a member to the desert.

"It's not really anyone's fault," Anthony Romano said. "We kind of slipped underneath the radar."

There is a learning process under way, he said, as the National Guard—and the Army and Air Force Reservists—learn to deal with the needs of families during deployments.

Since those 28 guardsmen returned this summer, another group from the Maine National Guard—a much larger group—has deployed. Family support centers have sprouted in the state.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD

Scott Staudinger, a first lieutenant in the North Dakota National Guard, spent 13 months in Iraq with the guard. His wife, Jill, said the time he was away was hard. "Many times you just felt alone and that nobody knew how you felt," Jill Staudinger said.

Every state National Guard has some sort of family support system, but the quality is inconsistent from state to state, according to Mary Graham, senior policy adviser for the National Mental Health Association.

"We find they really vary as to how good they are and the services they provide," she said.

Members realize this and are, for the most part, understanding of the challenge.

"They're learning because they've never been through this before," said Kenneth Merrifield, who deployed with Romano. "We don't have the support set up like the active duty does. They're in the infancy stage of getting it up and running."

Kimberlee Merrifield, Kenneth's wife, was the voice on the phone in the next town from Holly Romano.

She is a military brat, she said, so she knows what bases provide for families left behind. When her husband deployed, however, she felt alone and her worst worries would not leave her.

"I waited for someone to come in a uniform and tell me some-

thing had happened," she said. Every single day. When I drove to work, I cried."

She was afraid to be away from her home in Wells, Maine. For six months, she said, she rarely left home. And when she did, she rushed back to be there in case the call came with the bad news she feared.

The North Dakota National Guard held family support meetings throughout the state, trying to limit the drive time for spouses and families as much as possible.

"We let families [set] their own schedules," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Shelly Sizer, family readiness coordinator for the North Dakota guard. "We ensure that one of our staff is present at each of these meetings."

Jill Staudinger, wife of Scott Staudinger, a North Dakota Guard member, said the time was hard when her husband was gone for more than one year to Iraq.

"Many times you just felt alone and that nobody knew how you felt," she said. "To pick up that phone and say you need help is so hard."

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Guard: 'We think this is our new normal'

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"That's one of our biggest challenges," said Sizer. "We have families that live all across our state and even into neighboring states."

Ternes said she spends a lot of time on the road to attend family support meetings held in small towns and villages.

But it is a chore done willingly. Haugen said they have only one chance to get it right. Plus, he said, the war on terror will continue, so there will be other deployments to other war zones and, therefore, other returns.

Sizer agreed and said, "We think this is our new normal."

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U.S. has a plan to quash extremists, Powell says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday that the United States has a plan to quash the insurgency raging in several Iraqi cities and bring those areas under control for next national elections in January.

Powell acknowledged that the U.S.-led coalition faces a "difficult time" but he said President Bush's administration is committed to making Iraq stable.

"This is not the time to get weak in the knees or faint about it, but to drive on and finish the work that we started," he told NBC's "Meet the Press."

The secretary of state said U.S.



U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell is interviewed on NBC's "Meet the Press" in Washington Sunday. Powell spoke about situation in Iraq.

commanders are working with Iraqi military leaders and the interim government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi to put down the extremists in control of Fallujah and other cities.

The insurgency "will be brought under control," Powell said.

"It's not an impossible task." Powell also dismissed the possibility of delaying Iraqi elections, which are scheduled for the end of January. "Nobody's planning to postpone the elections," he said.

"When that insurgency is put down, what the people of the world will see are Iraqis in charge of their own destiny, moving forward toward an election that will provide for a representative form of government," said Powell. "It's going to be something that we'll be able to be proud of."

Later, on "Fox News Sunday," Powell spoke of fighting "a difficult insurgency" — not just us, but the Iraqi interim government, as well. And we will prevail. And there will be elections.

Last week, U.S. jets targeted insurgents in Fallujah with missiles over a four-day period. U.S. and Iraqi authorities lost control of the city in April, and Marines turned it over to a U.S.-sanctioned force of Iraqis that has since disappeared.

Powell acknowledged the possibility that the violence could continue in Iraq "for some time. This in-

surgency isn't going to go away."

He pointed to the buildup of Iraq's security forces and said the Baghdad government increasingly would be able to handle "its own security problem."

"I think the insurgency can be brought down to a level, and I'd like to see it go away entirely. I want to see it defeated. But I think, over time, you will see it being brought under control," Powell said.

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Secretary of State

them, and we'll overcome them in this instance, as well," Powell said. "He added that the United States had miscalculated the difficulty of curbing the insurgency after the war, but did not underestimate the challenge being facing now. Thus, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has left more troops in Iraq than the United States had expected to a few months ago."

"When the situation changes, you adjust," Powell said.

Italian minister heads to Mideast

ROME — Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini will travel to the Mideast in an effort to free two female aid workers taken hostage in Iraq, the government announced Sunday.

Authorities here have been working feverishly to win the release of the women, weeks after an Italian freelance journalist was abducted and slain in Iraq. Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government was sharply criticized at home for not doing enough to secure the slain journalist's release.

He will meet with local government and religious officials, beginning in Kuwait.

Italy's government supported the U.S.-led war in Iraq and contributed about 3,000 troops for reconstruction after Saddam Hussein's ouster.

Iraqi militants release Turk

ANKARA, Turkey — Iraqi militiamen have released a Turkish journalist who was abducted and held captive for two days in northern Iraq, her paper said Sunday.

Zeynep Tugrul, a journalist for Turkey's Sabah daily, was abducted Sept. 8 in the northern Iraq city of Tal Afar, the paper said.

She was freed Saturday and handed over to Turkish authorities in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul after Turkmen and Turkish Foreign Ministry officials intervened for her release, the paper reported.

There was no information on who kidnapped the journalist or why.

Tugrul, who reports on Turkish foreign affairs, is the first Turkish journalist to have been held hostage in Iraq.

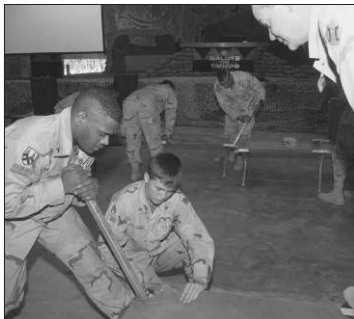
Militants claim downing U.S. drone

CAIRO, Egypt — Iraqi militants claimed responsibility Sunday for shooting down an unmanned U.S. drone plane in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, according to a tape aired by Al-Arabia TV.

A group calling itself "the Shura Council of the Mujahideen (holy warriors) in Iraq" claimed responsibility for downing the plane, which they said belonged to the Marines, according to the tape.

It was not immediately possible to verify the claim. The U.S. military has not yet reported that one of its drones has been shot down.

From The Associated Press



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers work to set up Army cots in the warehouse being used as the ESPN SportsCenter studio. The cots are being used as benches. Dozens of soldiers took part in the construction and decoration of the studio and ESPN offices in Kuwait.

Soldiers help to build ESPN studio in Kuwait

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

When ESPN starts its weekend "Salute the Troops" live broadcasts from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Tuesday morning, they'll not only thank the troops for their service, but for the entire SportsCenter studio.

Soldiers assigned to this camp had their hands in nearly every aspect of the Kuwaiti SportsCenter studio and offices — from construction to camouflage.

"It was a collective effort," said ESPN senior coordinating director Dave Weiler. "I think it'll look great and give a flavor of what life is like here."

Soldiers from Company B, 448th Engineer Battalion of Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, spent five days building a 40-by-60-foot stage, ESPN's wooden office complex, and camera platforms in one of Arifjan's large warehouses.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Figueroa, who designed the SportsCenter studio facilities, actually does set construction in San Juan. "We do props, sets and special effects for TV and films," he said.

Figueroa and his wife, Zina, started their company, The Prop Hunters Inc., 20 years ago. "When they told me that they needed a stage I thought it was odd, like God put this in our path," he said.

All together, 21 soldiers from the 448th helped build the studio. "They're young, dedicated and talented," Figueroa said. "I told them all to promise not to be my competition when we're back."

Their dedication and construc-

tion talents were definitely noticed by the ESPN crew.

"I've said this before, the people we pay money to help us aren't as helpful as the people here," said ESPN senior coordinating producer Mike McQuade. Soldiers also decorated the set, creating corner bunkers, a mortar position, tent and sandbagged anchor's desks.

"It's how you'd see it in the field, but not to scale," said Master Sgt. Brian Washington of the Area Support Group Kuwait, who along with Master Sgt. Herbert Almond and Sgt. 1st Class David Dismukes oversaw the soldiers' work.

“Soldiers can do anything. They make a lot happen; just tell them what you want and give them the resources to do it. This is the proof.”

Sgt. 1st Class David Dismukes

Nearly two-dozen soldiers from the area support group worked to clean and decorate the stage, plus set up dozens of Army cots for the camp's facilities engineering department and director of installations office also helped out.

"Soldiers can do anything," said Dismukes. "They make a lot happen, just tell them what you want and give them the resources to do it. This is the proof."

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Camp Darby readying for deer roundup

With population high and food sources low, base personnel plan to relocate animals

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes

CAMP DARBY, Italy — There are more local national employees working at Camp Darby than active-duty U.S. military personnel. But there are far more four-legged inhabitants than both human populations combined.

Thousands more. And, apparently, hundreds too many.

Capt. Paolo Biachesi, the Italian's deputy base commander, said the last estimate put the number of deer on the base — part of a national park — at about 4,000. The most densely forested part of the base, which is fenced off from the parts where most human inhabitants roam, is used by the military to store munitions.

The deer can't go anywhere because the storage area is surrounded by a sturdy perimeter fence. And Biachesi says there are seemingly more of them all the time. The deer — *chervi* in Italian — can breed as often as four times a year.

Due partly to a dry summer last year that limited vegetation growth and partly to the growing number of deer, the animals have largely eaten themselves out of a home.

"They're everything they're capable of eating," Biachesi says, pointing to a lack of undergrowth throughout the forested area. "They've stretched high to eat all the leaves on the trees they can reach and cleared away all the edible weeds and bushes. The only greenery left on the ground is poisonous vegetation."



Realizing the problem, base personnel started feeding them last year. But that's only a temporary solution.

So the plan is to use a system of fences and gates to corral hundreds of animals starting in November. They'll then be transported to other areas of Italy.

Base officials say there's been no discussion on hunting the animals because that isn't allowed in a national forest. Some of the animals may eventually be hunted after they're transported to other areas.

Biachesi says the goal is to try

to relocate a few hundred each month until the spring, when they start breeding in earnest. Trying to corral them would then probably prove fatal to some of the animals. Male deer could kill themselves trying to reach the females on the other side of the fencing.

The relocation may have to become an annual event. Biachesi says that deer were introduced into the park in the 1980s as an experiment. With no predators inside wild boars and large turtles are among the other inhabitants inside the fences — the population boomed. The last major roundup was in 1999.



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Left: Capt. Paolo Biachesi, the deputy Italian base commander at Camp Darby, talks about a series of fences and gates that will be used to round up deer in the coming months. Deer will be relocated to other parts in Italy before spring because of a local food shortage. **Above:** A lone deer walks through the forest near Camp Darby, Italy.

Those staying at the base campground or the roughly 300 Army and Air Force troops assigned to Camp Darby can often catch glimpses of the deer through the 13-foot-high fences that separate the areas. But it only takes a few minutes of driving inside the restricted area to realize how many of the deer there are.

Trying to get a picture of them is difficult, though. They're not wild about humans or the vehicles they drive.

Roberto Baldeschi, a local national who works for the base's department of public works, is one of those who feeds them on a regular basis. He said the deer are desperate enough for food that they come close to him while he's setting out the stacks of hay.

He said he hasn't seen any deer that have died from starvation, but it's obvious that some are suffering. He's told by experts that the males will sometimes go weeks without eating when the food supply is short.

An abundance of deer is actually good news for the base on one front. The lack of undergrowth lessens the likelihood of fire. But that's still enough of a concern that a helicopter owned by the regional government now has a special landing spot on base where it can venture over the forested area and look for trouble.

Officials say there will still be more than enough deer left after the relocations to keep the undergrowth to a minimum.

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Change of command



PAULA GUZMAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Brig. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, left, accepts the 7th Army Training Command colors from Gen. B.B. Bell, commander of U.S. Army Europe, during Friday's change of command ceremonies at the 7th Army Training Command in Grafenwöhr, Germany. Hertling replaces Brig. Gen. Robert M. Williams as commander.

Accused deserter Jenkins reports for duty in Japan

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Sgt. Charles Jenkins is back in the Army.

He voluntarily turned himself over to U.S. military control Saturday, ending a whirlwind odyssey that spanned nearly four decades and carried him from North Carolina to communist North Korea. The return also fed a Japanese media frenzy that's engulfed the alleged U.S. Army deserter since his arrival here two months ago from Jakarta, Indonesia. At 10:47 a.m., a van carrying Jenkins and his family entered the main gate at Camp Zama and was met by a military policeman, who directed the driver to the nearby U.S. Army Japan Provost Marshal's Office.

A few moments later, Jenkins emerged wearing a gray suit, and presented himself to Lt. Col. Paul Niagara, the provost marshal for U.S. Army Japan.

"Sir, I'm Sgt. Jenkins, and I'm reporting," he said while standing at attention and raising his right hand in a salute.

After identifying himself, Niagara responded, "You are now under the control of the U.S. Army. I can assure you that you and your family will be treated with dignity and respect at all times. From this point on, you are about to begin your in-processing in this command. If you will follow me in, you will first meet your company commander, and your family will meet with your sponsors."

"Do you have any questions at this time?"

"No."



U.S. ARMY/AP

Sgt. Charles Jenkins, an alleged Army deserter, is shown accepting an advance pay Saturday after surrendering to the provost marshal's office at the U.S. Army's Camp Zama, south of Tokyo.

The two then entered the building together, where Zama officials outfitted Jenkins in an Army Class B uniform, had him sign the standard paperwork and gave him an advance payment that's offered to soldiers in need of financial assistance. Capt. James Culp, his military defense counsel, was present throughout the process.

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Army wife tries to make community life better

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany
There's a Tina Olson at every Army base. Or at least you hope there is.

If the base is particularly fortunate, there are a number of them, and they know one another and work together. They are the Army wives who both support their families — single-handedly during deployments — while supporting the larger community.

This prototypical Army wife leads the battalion family readiness group, which Olson has. She is there for every unit returning from Iraq, which Olson was. She's an officer in the Community Spouses Club, which Olson was. She teaches Army Family Team Building classes, which Olson does.

She also anchors collaborations with local Germans to send boxes of toiletries and personal items to 200 soldiers downrange, which Olson did. She takes the less than glamorous, but necessary, jobs such as managing the base thrift shop, which Olson does.

Sometimes, the Army wife receives recognition, such as Olson's 2001 Commander's Public Service Award for her work in family team building and family readiness groups while her husband taught Reserve Officers Training Corps classes at Syracuse University in New York.

"She has more [commanders] coins than I do, and that's no lie," says her husband, Sgt. Maj. Brian Olson, of the 1st Armored Division's 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment.

But awards and coins are not what it's about for her, her husband says. It's about community,

and about people coming together to make Army life better.

"She's one of the most genuine ... oh, hell, I might as well just say it. She's the most genuine person I know. With Tina, there is no hidden agenda. She's a genuinely sweet, caring person," her husband says.

But you can't accomplish anything alone, Tina Olson says. Tackling any project takes a lot of people. Volunteers have to contact the legal office, the base support commander, public affairs and postal operations.

"You need people with good heads; who have a good understanding of military structure and are not afraid to work hard," she says. "Twenty heads are better than one."

That's true in everyday base life, as well.

A cluster of officers' and senior enlisted's wives had been living in the same Baumholder housing area for a year before the deployment, "and we said 'Hello' every day," says Sabina Hall. "We were not close before the deployment, but we came together as sisters. We motivated each other. When people were down ... Tina was there for advice, and to give an open ear."

They became "the band of sisters" — Olson, Hall, Erin Kantor, Shaheen Holman, Renata Barfield and Doris Smith — during the 1st AD's Iraq deployment, March 2003 through July 2004. They were there for one another, and there to greet all the units returning to Baumholder, headquarters of the 2nd Brigade. Once they showed up at a 4 a.m. ceremony in the middle of a thunderstorm.

"It sucked," Olson says. "But



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Tina Olson, one of Baumholder's main volunteers, helps three 1st Armored Division soldiers shopping for furniture at the base thrift shop, where she's the paid manager. From left are Pic. Kenneth Strode, Spc. Matthew Stein and Pic. Phaengsak Sithipphanh. All three are from the 40th Engineers (Combat) Battalion.

we were there to tell both the soldiers and the spouses, 'You did great. We're proud of you.'

"They volunteered to serve. If the least I can do is show up, shake their hands and say, 'Good job, I'm going to do it.'"

Twenty-two years ago when Tina and Brian, then a private, married, family readiness groups and other support organizations were just coming on line, not the mainstays of Army life they are now, Brian Olson says. Tina says she can't believe people fail to take advantage of the programs now offered, such as Army Family Team Building classes.

"We teach the mechanics of

how military life works," Olson says. They include management and leadership skills, time management, group dynamics and "even Maslow's hierarchy of needs," Olson says. The psychology theory says that humans need more than food and shelter to thrive.

"And it's free. F-r-e-e!"

Olson doesn't overly glorify Army life, she says she can't be "brutal. People bring other posts with them ... the good and the bad. You see the good, the bad and the worse."

She knows what it's like to move 17 times, to postings as varied as Fort Bragg, N.C., to Sandusky, Ohio, where her husband was a re-



Tina Olson
Olson is a volunteer and community activist involved in a wide range of projects at Baumholder, Germany.

Age: 38
Family: Husband Sgt. Major Brian Olson; sons BJ and Robert; daughter Christina
Hometown: Detroit

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cruiter. She knows about working odd jobs, clipping coupons and pinching pennies while raising three children, two now in college. Her husband says she has been there for the 5:30 a.m. rides to work; for the time he got knocked out on a jump at Bragg; for the times he left on a moment's notice for secret missions.

In the process, Tina Olson has had a lot of fun. Once at a reception in Berlin, she scooped ice cream for the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. "I didn't know what to do. Everyone else was curtsying in the aisles," she said.

"So I decided to shake her hand ... 'Hi, Queen Mother, I'm Tina.' She said, 'Oh, hello! You're an American!'"

She's an American and an American Army wife.

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Jenkins: Charges will be reviewed under Article 32 investigation

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At the military personnel office, Jenkins received orders returning him to active-duty status, completed an emergency contact form and was offered enrollment in the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program. Identification cards were issued to him, wife Hironaka and their youngest daughter.

Jenkins, 64, faces two counts each of soliciting other servicemembers to desert and encouraging disloyalty, and one count each of desertion and aiding the enemy, said Maj. John Amberg, a U.S. Army Japan spokesman. All

are various violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Jenkins allegedly walked away from his South Korea-based Army post in 1965 and defected to the reclusive, communist nation just north of the Demilitarized Zone. He lived in North Korea for 39 years and reportedly took part in propaganda broadcasts and anti-American films.

In July, he traveled to Jakarta, Indonesia, for a reunion with his wife, who had returned to Japan in 2002. They met after she was abducted by North Korean agents in 1978. She returned to Japan in

2002, but he stayed behind with the couple's two daughters.

Jenkins came directly to Zama on Saturday from a Tokyo hospital, where he received treatment after undergoing surgery earlier this year in North Korea.

Amberg denied that Jenkins received special treatment during the high-profile surrender, and dismissed speculation that a deal had been struck between the U.S. and Japanese governments.

During in-processing, Jenkins was assigned to U.S. Army Garrison Japan's Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Amberg

said he'll perform administrative duties under the supervision of a company sergeant.

He was reinstated as an E-5 in the Army with nine years and two months of service, Army officials said, the exact status he held the day he was reported absent without leave. His monthly entitlement comes to \$3,300, which includes basic military pay and allowances.

Jenkins and his family will be housed in temporary lodging on Camp Zama, Amberg said.

The charges against him will be reviewed in an Article 32 investigation, said Col. John Dykstra, an international law specialist. Once that's completed, the case will be assigned to U.S. Army Japan, the designated convening authority.

The Article 32 inquiry could be waived by Jenkins and his defense counsel, Dykstra said, which would expedite the process. If it reaches a general court-martial, that proceeding would be open to the public.

Dykstra said Jenkins is not under arrest but cannot leave the post without command permission. E-mail Vince Little at: littlev@strips.osd.mil

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IN THE STATES

After Caribbean, hurricane sets eye on U.S.

The Associated Press

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands — Hurricane Ivan battered the Cayman Islands with ferocious 150-mph winds Sunday, flooding homes, ripping off roofs and toppling trees three stories tall as its powerful eye thundered past just offshore.

Ivan has killed at least 60 people as it has torn a path of destruction across the Caribbean, and was headed next for a direct hit on western Cuba and the southwestern United States.

The hurricane, which grew to the most powerful Category 5 scale with 165 mph winds Saturday, lost some strength before tearing into the wealthy island chain, a popular scuba diving destination and banking center that benefits from strict building codes.

"It's as bad as it can possibly get," Justin Uzzeil, 35, said by telephone from his fifth-floor refuge in a Grand Cayman office building. "It's a horizontal blizzard," he said, "The air is just foam."

Emergency officials said residents from all parts of the island reported roofs blown off and flooded homes as Ivan's shrieking winds and driving rain lashed Grand Cayman, the largest of three islands that comprise the British territory of 45,000 people.

While it was nearly a direct hit on Grand Cayman, Ivan's powerful eye did not make landfall, instead passing over water just



Tony Tucker, left, and Demetrius Simpkins board up the windows Sunday of the Hurricane Seafood Restaurant in Pass-A-Grille, Fla. Cuba became Hurricane Ivan's next target, while Floridians were hopeful Ivan would miss the state.

south of the island, said Rafael Mojica, a meteorologist at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The airport runway was flooded and trees were wrenched from their roots, including a giant Cayman mahogany next to the government headquarters in downtown George Town. Radio Cayman went off the air, then resumed broadcasts.

Though there were no immediate reports of injuries in the Cay-

man Islands, the death toll elsewhere rose as hospital officials in Jamaica reported four more deaths, for a total of 15 there. At least 34 were killed in Grenada, where the hurricane left widespread destruction. Scattered deaths occurred on other islands and in Venezuela.

Ivan was projected to make a direct hit on western Cuba on Monday before moving into the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, nearing the Florida Keys and parts of Florida's Gulf coast.

Fla. Panhandle girds for Ivan's terrible blow

The Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. — The only whoooshing sound Hurricane Ivan stirred in the Keys and populous South Florida on Sunday was a sigh of relief from residents no longer fearful the 150-mph storm would make a direct hit.

But even as Ivan veered west on a course that would take it away from the 120-mile island chain and Florida's east coast, forecasters warned that the state, already slammed by two powerful hurricanes in a month, was not out of the woods yet. Ivan's forecast track across the eastern Gulf of Mexico could take it ashore on the Florida Panhandle, which took a glancing blow from Hurricane Frances, or parts of the state's west coast that are recovering from Hurricane Charley.

"It's creepy," said Amanda Morrow, sipping frozen coffee at a Tampa restaurant that still had windows boarded up against the earlier storms. "No one knows where it's going to go. That's what is stressful."

While hurricane center projections had the storm bypassing the Keys, brushing it with

only tropical storm-force wind, uncertainty about its course prompted officials to keep an evacuation order in place for the island chain's 79,000 residents.

"We would be foolish to lift the evacuation order now," said Irene Toner, Monroe County's emergency management director.

According to authorities monitoring traffic on the Overseas Highway, the only way in and out of the Keys, as many as 60,000 residents had obeyed the evacuation order. But incoming traffic was not blocked and some evacuees began trickling back during the weekend, though officials were not sure how many.

Further north, in the Florida Panhandle, some residents boarded up their homes Sunday. But others may have been thinking of Hurricane Frances, the second of three storms that struck the Florida peninsula, which threatened the region last week but limped through without causing major problems.

Because of Frances, more than 290,000 homes and businesses still had no electricity Sunday, utilities said.

DOJ reports crime rate for 2003 holds steady at 30-year low level

BY CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's crime rate last year held steady at the lowest levels since the government began surveying crime victims in 1973, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

The study was the latest contribution to a decade-long trend in which violent crime as measured by victim surveys has fallen by 55 percent and property crime by 49 percent. That has included a 14 percent drop in violent crime from 2000-2001 to 2002-2003.

"The rates are the lowest experienced in the last 30 years," Justice Department statistician Shanahan Catalano said in the report. "Crime rates have stabilized."

The 2003 violent crime rate — assault, sexual assault and armed robbery — stood at 22.6 victims for every 1,000 people age 12 and older. That amounts to about one violent crime victim for every 44 U.S. residents.

By comparison, there were 23 violent crime victims per 1,000 people in 2002. In 1993, the violent crime rate was 50 per 1,000 people, or about one in every 20 people.

Murder is not counted because the Bureau of Justice Statistics study is based on statements by crime victims. In a separate report based on preliminary police data, the FBI found a 1.5 percent increase in murders between 2002 and 2003 — from 16,200 to about 16,420.

The new survey put the rate for property crimes of burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft in 2003 at 163 for every 1,000 people, compared with 159 the year before. The slight increase was not considered statistically significant.

A decade ago, there were about 319 property crimes per 1,000 people, the study said.

There are numerous possible explanations for the sharp, sustained decrease in crime. But experts say the fact that crime rates have leveled off confounds earlier studies that attributed it to such things as a more mature, less violent drug trade or police tactics that focus on high-crime areas.

James Lynch, professor at American University's Department of Justice, Law and Society, said the reason that crime is down so broadly is difficult to pinpoint.

Two recent possibilities, he said, are a prison population at a

record 2.1 million and the terrorism fight's deterrent effect on more routine street crime.

"Some of the mobilization for terrorism issues may have put a damper on crime," Lynch said. "It has a chilling effect on a whole lot of stuff."

The low crime rate also has made the problem much less of an issue in national political campaigns. It is almost never mentioned in campaign speeches by President Bush or Democrat John Kerry, and fewer people than in past years now list crime as a top concern in opinion polls.

The National Crime Victimization Survey is based on annual interviews by Census Bureau personnel with about 150,000 people at least 12-years-old. The FBI does a separate crime study based on reports it receives from thousands of law enforcement agencies nationwide.

Other highlights of the Justice Department report:

■ In 2003, one-quarter of all violent crimes were committed by an offender armed with a gun, knife or other weapon.

■ Violent crime rate has dropped in every income category by at least 40 percent between 1993 and 2003.

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Reactions mixed about Bush's service record

Some servicemembers say they wish military experience wasn't an issue

BY ELLIOTT MINOR

The Associated Press

ALBANY, Ga. — Frank Jones says he's angry about newly revealed memos that indicate President Bush got preferential treatment in the Air National Guard during the Vietnam war, but he's not surprised by favoritism in the Guard.

Jones, a Republican from Troy, New York, served in Vietnam in 1970 and 1971 before doing 16 years in the Guard himself. As the presidential election nears, Jones says controversy over both candidates' military records and the mounting death toll in Iraq are important issues.

"I'm really in neither camp at this point," he said.

"However, I do see a direct correlation to Vietnam. The body count is really starting to get to me."

Some current and retired members of the National Guard and other military services say the newly revealed Bush documents do not bother them, while others say they are troubling.

The documents, which became fodder for Democratic critics last week, indicate Bush was suspended from flying with his Texas Air National Guard unit because he missed a medical exam and that he missed six months of training. Questions have been raised about the documents' authenticity.

Lt. Col. Jim Driscoll, spokesman for the Georgia Army National Guard, said retired servicemembers may comment on political

issues such as the Bush documents, but most current reservists and active-duty servicemembers will hesitate to voice their political opinions.

"It would be inappropriate," he said. "The president is our commander-in-chief and so we have to be very careful from an ethical perspective of how we express our political opinions."

Some who served in the National Guard say it is common practice to miss drills — even up to six months — because of job conflicts, family problems or illness.

Ralph Bradley, 56, a Republican from Albany who served three years in Vietnam in the Air Force and 17 years in the Georgia Army National Guard, said members are encouraged to make up drills so they don't lose pay or retirement benefits.

"There's all kinds of situations ... that cause a person to go out of state for a period of time," he said.

Army Reserve Sgt. Tim Wilding, 37, of Jefferson City, Mo., agreed.

Back home for two weeks of leave from Iraq, Wilding said he remains a staunch Bush supporter despite allegations Bush may have tried to get out of Guard drills for several months in 1972.

"A lot of guys don't serve for four or five months at a time," he said. "They've got other stuff going on. They'll make it up later on, or they just won't get paid. That's really no big deal to a lot of National Guard soldiers."

Allegations of suspect conduct during the Vietnam war also have been leveled at

Sen. John Kerry, who won three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star in Vietnam.

A group sponsoring television ads challenging his wartime record contends Kerry's own gunfire caused the wound that brought his first Purple Heart. Navy records and other veterans do not support the charge.

Ahmad Majied of Albany says the latest allegations about Bush's military record are more troubling to him than allegations about service honors leveled at Democratic challenger Kerry.

Majied, a Democrat from Albany who served 30 years in the Navy, including five years as a SEAL in Vietnam, said the memos support his belief that Bush was a "playboy" during his service years.

"He had enough money to get what he wanted," Majied said. "I think his main concern was not to go to Southeast Asia. I bet he never dreamed it would come back to haunt him."

Neal Eubanks of Leesburg, Ga., who served 39 years in the military — 23 in the Air Force and 16 in the Georgia Army National Guard — said the presidential candidates should move beyond their military records and focus on the issues, such as the economy and unemployment.

"You don't see Korean veterans or World War II veterans or Grenada veterans always talking about I served here and I served there," said Eubanks, 67, a Bush supporter.

Associated Press writers Russ Byrum in Savannah, Ga., David Lieb in Jefferson City, Mo., and Michael Gormley in Albany, N.Y., contributed to this report.



Neal Eubanks, a retired Georgia Army National Guard master sergeant, stands in his patio Friday in Leesburg, Ga., while showing the letter and Georgia flag he received when he retired after 39 years of military service. Eubanks said he wishes the military service records of Bush and his Democratic challenger, Sen. John Kerry, had not become issues in the campaign.

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Kerry suggests the GOP may suppress votes



Democratic Presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass, shakes hands with Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., as he is introduced Saturday at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 34th annual Legislative Conference Dinner in Washington.

Democratic nominee says Republicans may try to keep blacks from casting ballots in November

BY NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Kerry suggested Saturday that Republicans may try to keep black voters from casting their ballots to help President Bush win in November.

"We are not going to stand by and allow another million African-American votes to go uncounted in this election," the Democratic presidential nominee told the Congressional Black Caucus. "We are not going to stand by and allow acts of voter suppression, and we're hearing those things again in this election."

Kerry has a team of lawyers to examine possible voting problems to try to prevent a repeat of the 2000 election disputes.

"What they did in Florida in 2000, some say they may be planning to do this year in battle-

ground states all across this country," Kerry said. "Well, we are here to let them know that we will fight tooth and nail to make sure that this time, every vote is counted and every vote counts."

Bush-Cheney spokesman Steve Schmidt said the campaign would not respond to Kerry's "baseless, divisive attacks" until Sunday.

"Today is a day of remembrance," he said.

The Massachusetts senator also criticized the president for failing to meet with the caucus since his first month in office and

for what he said was a failure to meet the Biblical standard set by the Good Samaritans to help others in need.

Blacks are one of the most loyal Democratic voting blocks, and Kerry needs to bring them to the ballot box if he is to overcome his trail in the polls and defeat in Bush.

Kerry opened by joking about how CBC Chairman Elijah Cummings, D-Md., has an easier race ahead than he.

"The latest survey has him up 80-20, so I said, 'Want to trade?' Kerry said.

Nader gets GOP help in Florida

The Washington Post

Ralph Nader was dealt a blow last week when a Florida judge barred him from the presidential ballot in the state. But the independent presidential candidate got some eleventh-hour legal help from a seemingly odd source: Ken Sukhia, a well-known Republican lawyer with ties to President Bush has been hired by the campaign to fight the ruling. Sukhia helped the GOP with the nasty recent battle in 2000.

Nader has been attracting enthusiastic GOP help nationwide in his efforts to get on the ballot, infuriating Democrats who believe he will drain votes — again — from their candidate.

"What do people expect? Certainly the Democratic lawyers don't want to help us, that's for sure," said Kevin Zeese, a spokesman for Nader.

"Everyone is more interested in our choice of lawyers than the battle we're fighting. I find it very amusing."

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IN THE WORLD

Afghans storm U.N. compound

At least 3 locals reported killed

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Protesters angered at President Hamid Karzai's sacking of a warlord governor in a western city ransacked U.N. compounds and clashed with security forces Sunday, leaving as many as three people dead and dozens wounded.

The U.S.-backed interim leader, facing a fresh security crisis ahead of Oct. 9 elections already threatened by Taliban militants, denounced the rioting and said he would deal with it "strongly."

Protesters took to the streets following Saturday's announcement that Gov. Ismail Khan, the regional strongman, had been "promoted" to a Cabinet post in the capital.

Mobs chanting slogans against the government and in favor of Khan turned their wrath on the United Nations, storming and looting two of its compounds and forcing its staff to flee to an American military base.

The protesters threw stones at American troops who were helping to evacuate dozens of U.N. staff and relief workers to their small base in the city. U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said.

Larfulah Mashal, an Afghan In-

terior Ministry spokesman, said police and soldiers — the latter accompanied by American military trainers — tried to control the crowd by firing warning shots, but wounded as many as 10 people.

He said the Afghan forces fired into the air and that no one was killed.

But the provincial health chief said three people were fatally injured, including a 15-year-old boy.

Samini said 51 more were wounded, including one patient in a critical condition. Most suffered bullet wounds, he said.

One man in the hospital told an Associated Press Television News reporter that his leg and facial injuries were caused by shrapnel from a grenade.

"I was standing with a few others when national army and American troops came running down the street. Suddenly, one of them threw a hand grenade at us," said Bismillah, a 41-year-old man who goes by one name.

But a U.S. spokesman dismissed his claim, saying that the protesters had thrown grenades.

Lt. Col. Pamela Keeton said three American soldiers suffered minor facial or shoulder injuries, while one Afghan soldier was more badly hurt.

Karzai condemned the rioters, who also burned the office of a Danish aid group and wrecked the local branch of the Afghan human rights commission, saying they were damaging Afghanistan's fragile peace process.

The incident occurred as Khan's replacement, the former Afghan ambassador to Ukraine, Sayed Mohammed Khairkhwa, arrived to take up his post on a mission to ease ethnic and factional tensions in the region.



Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, left, speaks with U.S. Undersecretary of State John R. Bolton during their meeting in Jerusalem on Sunday. The United States will pursue U.N. sanctions against Iran if Tehran does not renounce its quest for nuclear weapons, Bolton said Sunday.

U.S. threatens sanctions after Iran refuses to curb nuclear activities

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Sunday it would not abandon uranium enrichment, rejecting a key demand by three European powers that have threatened to intensify pressure if Tehran does not curb its nuclear program.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said Iran already had the technology required for its nuclear fuel cycle, and would not reverse the situation. But he repeated that Iran was willing to provide guarantees that it was not seeking to build nuclear weapons.

Sunday's announcement could lead to the International Atomic Energy Agency's recommending that Iran's nuclear file go to the U.N. Security Council, which has the power to impose sanctions on Tehran. The agency is due to discuss Iran in a meeting beginning Monday.

U.S. Undersecretary of State John R. Bolton said Sunday that

Washington would pursue sanctions against Iran if it did not renounce its quest for nuclear weapons.

Iran has repeatedly said it has no ambition to build a nuclear bomb, but U.S. officials say its nuclear program goes beyond what is required to generate electricity.

Speaking to reporters in Israel, Bolton said that if Iran follows the lead of Libya, which has dismantled its nuclear weapons program, it could prevent sanctions. But he said Iran had refused to take the necessary steps in the past five meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Asefi said at a news conference in Tehran: "If the demand is that we don't master nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, it's out of the question because we have reached that point."

"But if Europeans want assurances that we only make peaceful use of nuclear energy, we are ready to give guarantees," he said.

"There is no possibility that the

upcoming meeting will refer our dossier to the U.N. Security Council, because there is no reason to do so," he said.

According to a confidential document, Britain, France and Germany have set a November deadline for Iran to meet certain conditions meant to banish concerns that it is secretly trying to make nuclear weapons.

Among the conditions are that Iran "fully enact what has been a partial and eroding commitment to stop uranium enrichment and related activities."

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards began military maneuvers Sunday near the border with Iraq, with a top commander saying the exercise was designed to reinforce Iran's resolve to defend itself against "big powers."

Mohammed Bagher Zolkadri, a senior officer of the Revolutionary Guards, did not mention the United States by name but was clearly referring to America, which leads the multinational force in neighboring Iraq.

Huge explosion reported in North Korea

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

The Associated Press

SEOUL — A large explosion occurred in the northern part of North Korea, sending a plume of smoke more than two miles wide into the air on an important anniversary of the communist regime, a South Korean news agency reported Sunday.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the explosion Thursday was not a nuclear test but that it was not known yet what caused it.

"There was no indication that was a nuclear event of any kind. Exactly what it was, we're not sure," Powell said, speaking on ABC's "This Week."

Powell said there were "some activities taking place and some sites that we're watching carefully, but it is not conclusive that they are moving toward a test."

The explosion happened at 11 a.m. Thursday in Yanggang province near the border with China, according to the Yonhap news agency.

Yonhap carried reports from unidentified sources, with one in Washington saying the incident could be related to a natural disaster such as a forest fire. It also cited a diplomatic source in Seoul as raising the possibility of an accident or a nuclear test.

Yonhap later quoted Kim Jong-min, spokesman for the presidential office, as saying: "Currently, we are trying to find out in detail the exact character, cause and size of the accident, but we don't think North Korea conducted a nuclear test."

International experts would likely have been able to detect a test if one had occurred several days ago.

"We understand that a mushroom-shaped cloud about 2.1 to 2.5 miles in diameter was monitored during the explosion," the source in Seoul told Yonhap.

The agency also quoted an unidentified government official as saying there was seismic activity related to two blasts in North Korea at 11 p.m. Wednesday and 1 a.m. Thursday.

Thursday was the anniversary of North Korea's founding on Sept. 9, 1948. Leader Kim Jong Il uses the occasion to stage performances and other events to bolster loyalty among the impoverished North Korean population.

Experts have speculated that North Korea might use a major anniversary to conduct a nuclear-related test, but one analyst said an open test, as opposed to one below ground, would be difficult in such a small country.

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al-Qaida looming large in latest Belgian terror trial

BY RAF CASERT

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Ten terror suspects — some accused of having ties to al-Qaida operations across Europe — were charged with plotting a bomb attack — go on trial Monday.

It's the second terror trial in the past year in Belgium, and al-Qaida is again at the heart of the allegations.

The key suspect, Tarek Maaroufi, was among the 18 militants convicted in last year's trial for involvement in a European terror ring that recruited fighters for al-Qaida and Afghanistan's former Taliban rulers.

All 10 suspects involved in the upcoming trial, most of whom are of Moroccan origin, were charged with conspiracy, fraud and illegal possession of arms and face up to five years in prison.

Belgium approved tougher anti-terrorist legislation early this year, but the suspects in this case will be tried under the old legislation because their alleged crimes predate the new measure.

The Tunisian-born Maaroufi, 38, and two of the other suspects are accused of being part of a network of terrorists who maintained contacts with al-Qaida op-

eratives in Italy, Spain and other European nations, said an official at the prosecution's office who asked not to be identified.

Among those they allegedly had contact with were Abu Dahdah, the suspected leader of an al-Qaida cell in Spain, and Essid Sami Ben Khemais, who was suspected of heading Osama bin Laden's European logistics operation and was convicted in Italy two years ago.

The charges against them are mostly based on a detailed analysis of records of the suspects' telephone conversations over several years, the official said.

The seven other suspects are accused of plotting a bomb attack, though officials say they're not sure what their target might have been.

Those allegations center on the discovery of Kalashnikov rifles and evidence of explosives in a suburban Brussels apartment.

In subsequent searches, authorities also found a computer disk containing an explosives formula.

Media reports said the suspects planned to attack the Phillips tower in central Brussels, but no evidence has been presented to back that up.

"It was never confirmed," the official from the prosecutor's office said.

The trial is expected to last until Sept. 24.

In earlier convictions against some of the suspects, Nizar Tabrel, a 33-year-old Tunisian who played professional soccer for several German teams, was sentenced in last September's trial to the maximum 10 years in prison. He admitted planning to drive an explosives-laden car into the canteen of a Belgian air base where U.S. nuclear weapons are believed to be stored.

And Maaroufi was convicted of involvement in the assassination of an anti-Taliban military commander in Afghanistan just before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. He was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Maaroufi was found guilty of providing counterfeit identity papers to the suicide bombers who posed as journalists to get close to and kill Afghan anti-Taliban leader Ahmed Shah Massoud.

The Tunisian was arrested in December 2001 in Brussels in an anti-terror crackdown following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Sixteen others in last year's trial — Belgium's biggest-ever terrorism case — were convicted of lesser crimes and received sentences ranging from two to five years in prison. Five defendants were acquitted for insufficient evidence.



Prospective voters line up outside a polling center before casting their ballots Sunday in Hong Kong. After a campaign marred by scandal and alleged intimidation, citizens voted in legislative elections that could give pro-democracy figures more clout than they have held since China reclaimed Hong Kong in July 1997. Early turnout was brisk.

Long lines greet eager voters in Hong Kong

BY DIRK BEVERIDGE

The Associated Press

HONG KONG — People in Hong Kong turned out in large numbers for a legislative election on Sunday, many venting anger at their leaders and hoping to hand pro-democracy opposition politicians unprecedented clout in the Chinese territory.

The campaign had been marred by scandal and alleged intimidation, and many Hong Kongers were clearly frustrated at Beijing's secret in a newspaper column published Sunday that out full democracy in the near term.

Voting was brisk throughout the day, leading to shortages of ballot boxes at some polling stations that had people grumbling or giving up as officials scrambled to cope.

By early evening, the turnout for directly elected seats had hit 38.36 percent, with voters still streaming in to polling stations.

Constitutional Affairs Secretary Stephen Lam said their numbers were expected to exceed the 43.75 percent recorded in the last legislative election in 2000. Final results were expected Monday.

Pro-democracy opposition candidates, viewed as troublemakers or even "traitors" by China, were projected to gain the most votes but fall short of a majority in the Legislative Council under a system critics say is rigged.

Half of the 60 seats were directly elected, with 3.2 million people eligible to vote, while the other half were picked by less than 200,000 members of special interest groups like business, law and accounting that tend to back Beijing.

"I hope Hong Kong can become more democratic," said Candy Chu, a 48-year-old arts and crafts teacher who marched in two massive protests that shifted the landscape of local politics. Chu backed the opposition and accused the other side of "just speaking for Beijing."

Analysts predicted pro-democracy politicians could claim 25-28 seats — compared with 22 in the current legislature — which could further weaken the unpopular government of Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa by making it harder for Tung to get his bills passed.

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Cents and Sensibility

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CBS MarketWatch

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also include your contact information for your destination city.

■ Make sure the airline or airport employee checking in your bags has placed a destination tag on each one. The tag should have a three-letter code that matches the name of your destination airport.

■ Ensure that your luggage stands out, especially if you have a generic black suit bag. Buy a bright-colored identification tag or luggage belt, or tightly knot a patterned scarf around the handle.

■ Lock your bag once it has been examined by airport security. If your luggage doesn't have a key or combination lock, buy cheap plastic security seals at an office supply store. Seal the zippers and cut the security seal off once you arrive.

■ You also should prepare for the unexpected. Take a carry-on bag with cash, prescriptions, a change of clothes, toiletries, travel documents and anything else you might need within the first 24 hours of your trip. Also carry on anything valuable — such as jewelry, cameras, electronics or heirlooms — or fragile items, such as eyeglasses.

Spain's critique on war

PARIS — Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said in a newspaper column published Sunday that "preventative" war is not the best way to combat terrorism — a clear critique of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

"The fight against terrorism, hunger and poverty that are devastating a large part of our planet must follow the roads of dialogue and justice," he wrote in the French weekly journal *Le Monde*.

"I don't believe the correct method for fighting international terrorism is conventional war, even less one of a preventative nature," Zapatero wrote.

Leader draws criticism

BERLIN — Germany's president drew criticism from politicians in the formerly communist east Sunday for appearing to suggest that standards of living there cannot realistically be brought up to those of the prosperous west.

Nearly 15 years after the Berlin Wall fell, unemployment in the east is more than twice the level in the west. Under a so-called "solidarity pact" that expires in 2006, billions of euros are being transferred east in a bid to equalize living standards.

In an interview with the weekly *Focus*, President Horst Koehler said that while it was time to tell people in parts of the east that there was no realistic chance of industry returning there.

"No one can seriously make such forecasts," he replied. "But independently of that, there were and are everywhere in the republic large differences in living standards — that is true from north to south and from east to west."

"If you want to level them out, you cement the subsidized state and place an intolerable burden of debt on the young generation," Koehler was quoted as saying. "We must get away from the subsidized state."

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Kids don't know

In response to "Kids' day a bad idea" I say, nonsense!

As the father of three boys, ranging in ages 13 to 2 years old, I believe that education, not ignorance, is the way to raise kids. My father and grandfathers were all in the Army, and all had weapons for hunting and home protection. I never played with them, like my sons do not play with mine, because I was taught how to handle them safely as a youngster.

My sons know what I'm doing over here, and the thought that at least one will also join the military is enough to make me proud.

I do not think your idea of "taking them to an amusement park or on a camping trip," and telling them this is what daddy, or mommy is doing is quite adequate.

Kids are not stupid, they see the papers and listen to the news reports on TV and the radio, they know what is happening.

All that can be accomplished by keeping the topic of today in the dark about what is happening around them in the world, is that the same mistakes will be made again.

Sgt. Terry Danbrowski

Kids' day, a good idea?

I do not understand "Kids' day a bad idea," (Sept. 6).

Showing kids how to fire an M-16 is not at all ridiculous.

On the contrary, never teaching kids how to handle weapons is a recipe for disaster. Having people learn how to shoot properly at a young age leads to better

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marksmanship and better safety practices when they are older.

Kids that handle weapons tend to know what they're capable of and tend to respect them more.

Recently on R&R leave, I took two of my little brothers, one 10 and the other 14, out to the range with me. I let them fire every handgun I own. The two youngest of my weapons are capable of and have very good safety practices while handling firearms.

I have no doubt in my mind that neither of them would ever play with a gun or risk any accident because they know how to handle a weapon. These skills are very important to the preservation of the very freedoms we Americans enjoy.

While one may think that the military, and the public, tell a mournful story without words. Whether viewing the configuration of the wingman spirals upward, alone, or watching the remaining aircraft flying in solid formation with a gaping hole, there is something, someone, missing. The formation characterizes heart-wrenching emptiness. The sound of taps, while once a call for "lights out" on the battlefield, has become the pinnacle of emotion at funerals, and wreath-laying and memorial services.

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While National POW/MIA Recognition

The right to bear arms will only mean something as long as we pass on to our kids the knowledge of how to bear arms. I know a lot of fathers who would be taking their kids out to the range.

Terrorists teach their kids to hate other people and want to kill them. Americans like to teach their kids to love their country and their freedom and to be willing to defend it.

Comparing American kids learning about soldiering and firing weapons to terrorists teaching kids hate? That's ridiculous.

Sgt. Nicholas Vran

Camp Virginia, Kuwait

What about the moms?

After reading the article "Seeing what does downrange" (Aug. 31), I am left with a question: What about what mom does downrange? My platoon sergeant and team leader both have children that I am sure would be interested in what mom does downrange.

Is the Army relegating women to second-class soldiers unwarranted of emulation by their children? Are the daughters not also a valuable part of our lives as well? My 6-year-old daughter has both Barbie and Ken dolls dressed in BDUs. She makes no distinction between what a hero or a villain would look like.

She wears her own BDUs proudly and says she wants to be a soldier when she grows up. I can only hope that the fact that the article does not mention daughters or mothers was an oversight, because if our daughters were excluded then we are already setting a sad and dangerous precedent.

Sgt. Mark Shields

Camp Navistar, Kuwait

POW's/MIAs, you are not forgotten

BY KATHLEEN A.K. LOPEZ

I'm missing-man formation. The rendering of taps. A black flag with white lettering that reads, "You Are Not Forgotten." A man's grave with the warning until that stranger—a fellow American—is repatriated.

America is a symbolic land. These symbols unmistakably represent a day that is in reverence for those Americans in uniform who have served this great nation in past—and present—wars and conflicts, who were either held captive by enemy hands or whose remains have yet to be repatriated from foreign soil. The day is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, traditionally recognized on the third Friday in September, except when there is a conflict with religious observances. This year, out of respect for Rosh Hashanah, National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be observed Tuesday, Sept. 14.

There will be many ceremonies in the States that will include some of the symbolism listed above. The missing-man for-

mation, while once rarely seen by the public, tells a mournful story without words. Whether viewing the configuration of the wingman spirals upward, alone, or watching the remaining aircraft flying in solid formation with a gaping hole, there is something, someone, missing. The formation characterizes heart-wrenching emptiness. The sound of taps, while once a call for "lights out" on the battlefield, has become the pinnacle of emotion at funerals, and wreath-laying and memorial services.

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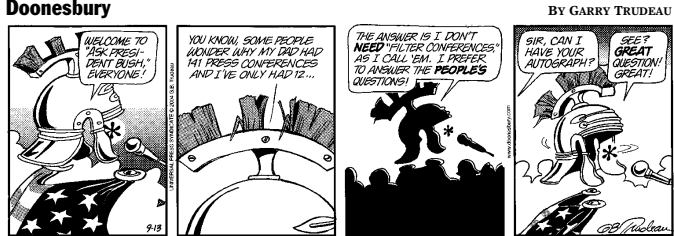
Day is not the sole time that these and other symbolic gestures can be observed, dedicating a day annually reminds us of the importance of taking time to remember and thank those who made the ultimate sacrifice for America's freedoms—even if that gratitude cannot be made personally, either through verbal or written communication.

This is where America's great pride in its symbolism shows its value.

Throughout its history, through many wars and conflicts, the United States has seen nearly 100,000 of its own either be held in captivity by an enemy state and returned to the States in deteriorating health, if at all, or go missing and not be repatriated, ever. Symbolic gestures be it a national day of recognition, an aircraft formation, 24 notes played on a bugle, a flying flag or a piece of metal wrapped around a wrist—make us acutely aware that as a nation we are unified. We don't forget those we have lost. We must never forget those who gave all.

Kathleen A.K. Lopez, a widowed military dependent and the author of several works for civilian employees on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

BY GARRY TUDOU



OPINION

Kerry knows Clinton's good for what ails him

Looks like John Kerry's heretofore splash campaign has given the Phantom of the Ozarks a coronary.

Had Bill Clinton been in office when he got word that he'd need quadruple bypass surgery, I'd have probably accused him of stealing the final scene of the Republicans' New York extravaganza with yet another weakness of the flesh.

The Democrats' best actor, star and maestro, denied a supporting role by Al Gore four years ago, had been reduced to playing bit parts and making widely received cameo appearances.

But on the eve of the former president's heart surgery, after a 90-minute-long phone call with Democratic candidate Kerry, Clinton has emerged in another role, one that makes use of his campaigning genius: The Godfather.

Unlike Gore, Kerry seems to have heeded Don Vito Clinton's wisdom.

He should.

Love him or loathe him, Clinton is a brilliant politician with a proven track record of getting elected (are you listening, Al?), the first Democrat to do so since 1976 and the first to serve two full terms since Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He's also an expert at shifting the scene, moving the spotlight off him and onto his opponent, a role Kerry desperately needs to understand after being unable to deflect criticism from disgruntled Swift boat veterans.

That would have been child's play for Clinton, a man who wielded the Teflon sword so skillfully that he survived several noted cases of trollop rash and successfully sided cases of trollop rash and successfully sided cases of trollop rash with the blame for shutting down the entire federal government in 1995.

As the campaign barrels toward its closing act, Kerry needs to take a master class at the foot of Clinton's hospital bed.

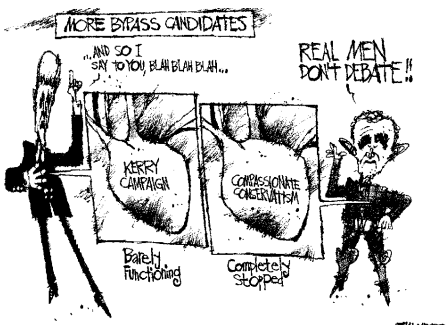
While not privy to their conversation, I suspect the Don told him to stop playing Audie Murphy and start channeling George Patton.

As homework, Clinton probably ordered Kerry to study the following screenplays: ■ "Apocalypse Now" (alternatively titled "When Swift Boats Go Totally Out of Control"); No good can come of going back upriver in Vietnam. If you do, beautiful friend, it could be the end.

■ "Broadcast News." Never let a news cycle go by without responding to partisan attacks. Political message mandarin cringed when Kerry let six or seven of them elapse before addressing the Swift boat vets' accusations. There's no such thing in politics as not dignifying something with a comment, unless it's telling Tim Russert that you won't dignify it with a comment.

■ "She's Having a Baby." And she may have to sell her first-born to pay her medical bills if she's one of the 45 million Americans without health insurance. A smart Democratic campaigner would engage in Chinese water torture repetition that 5 million Americans have lost coverage on Bush's watch.

■ "The Money Pit." Big government has ballooned under Bush and America is spending like the owner of a fixer-upper with a Home Depot charge card. Between now and



November, Kerry needs to question why a party that represents smaller government and fiscal responsibility has run up a record \$422 billion deficit, especially since that includes the largest increase in nondefense spending since the 1960s.

■ "Wall Street." So much for '80s nostalgia. For a Democratic tax plan to sell, Kerry will have to battle Gordon Gekko's Bushian greed-is-good philosophy. He'll also have to loudly champion all the Blue Star Airlines worker-types out there whose jobs are the

equivalent of yesterday's ticker tape.

While Kerry should heed Clinton's advice, he can't afford to look like the Don's stand-in or a placeholder for Ms. Corleone's star turn. He must convincingly explain why the lead actor should be fired and why he can credibly play commander in chief.

With two months until Election Day and Best Actor Clinton back in the limelight, Kerry would be wise to try for a sequel instead of a remake.

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Partisan bickering also hampers post-9/11 efforts

BY PETER R. HUESSY

WASHINGTON

There's little disagreement among pundits or politicians that the United States was woefully unprepared for the treachery of 9/11. As we mark the third anniversary of that despicable attack, unfortunately, our military has yet to be fully transformed into a force capable of dealing with the shadowy world of Islamic totalitarianism.

It's equally incredible that homeland security was treated so cavalierly for so long in the face of clear and repeated signals that al-Qaida had declared a no-holds-barred war on America. During the last decade, al-Qaida and its allies launched repeated attacks on the United States — in 1993 at the World Trade Center, in 1997 at the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, in 1998 at our embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, and in 2000 on the USS Cole in Yemen.

There is enough blame to go around without pointing fingers at either the Democrats or Republicans, however. Although we have made strides in shoring up our intelligence capabilities and our defense posture, the festering bitterness of American politics is eroding our ability to deal effectively with the threat of global terrorism.

Partly it is the growing lack of civility in our political discourse. The withering salvo of some television attack ads have produced a barren wasteland where reflective public debate is all but impossible.

Worse, the system of bipartisan compromise that allowed us to make swift, responsible decisions through most of the 20th century appears to have vanished from the federal stage.

Two of my favorite members of Congress — from different parties — put their finger on the issue in separate conversations I had

with them over the past year. One is a senior Republican senator from America's south west, with a wonderful sense of humor and a dogged determination to, as he puts it, "move the ball forward." Another is a senior and distinguished Democratic representative from the northwest — a fierce stalwart on defense, but well within his party's liberal mainstream on social issues. Both believe the political process is broken.

The GOP senator pointed at the dome of the U.S. Capitol as we had lunch recently to make an analogy. From our vantage point, he noted, it looks fine — standing tall and firm. Our political process still looks that way at a distance, but it's been eroding for many years, he observed — suddenly sweeping his hand outward as if the Capitol's dome had crashed from its lofty place to the wide expanse of lawn below.

Both he and his Democratic colleague de-

clared that our sound-bite campaigns savage political foes to the point where producing a principled agreement on major issues has become all but impossible. They both complained about the year-round fund-raising that requires federal legislators to cater to special-interest supporters by using scare tactics to demonize their political opponent.

When you spend most of the year taking potshots at each other to get re-elected, they agreed, it's extremely difficult to forge political agreements that serve the nation's interests. This means that many of the policy changes needed to streamline national security policy often end up at cross-purposes.

Since 2002, indeed, the Senate has found it impossible to bring any important issue to a vote. This year — in the midst of a presidential election and a war against terror — only a few appropriations measures have been enacted. The filibuster, once used sparingly, is now universally applied.

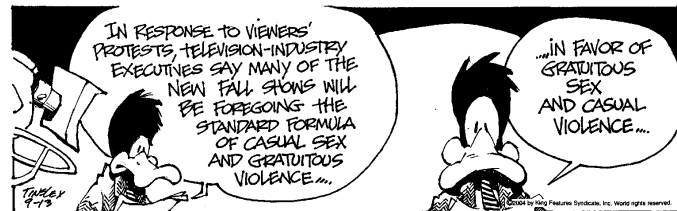
No one doubts that Americans want their elected officials to thoroughly debate the burning issues of the day. But they also want them to put pettiness aside and arrive at decisions that serve the commonweal.

Former CIA Director R. James Woolsey calls our continuing struggle against religious fanaticism "World War IV" and believes that winning it will require all branches of government to work in the same cooperative spirit that won World War II. Now is the time that our political process should be flowing smoothly. We do not have 15 million men and women under arms [this time], but freedom and democracy once again are in dire jeopardy. Winning this war against faceless and ruthless enemies requires complete cooperation and mutual respect from public servants and private citizens alike.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



'Fools' avoid penalty

PA PITTSBURGH — Creators of an April Fool's Day edition of Carnegie Mellon University's student newspaper won't be disciplined for slurs that sparked campus protests, but The Tartan and the school must do more to promote diversity, a campus panel said.

Describing the publication as understaffed, untrained in journalistic ethics and seen by some as out of step with campus views, the commission created by Carnegie Mellon President Jared Cohen to investigate the matter offered an array of recommended changes to various Tartan policies.

The commission said the 12-page broadsheet titled Natrat—"Tartan" spelled backwards—exposed "problems endemic to The Tartan as a whole."

But in explaining how derogatory and violent depictions of minorities, women and gays found their way into print, the panel also suggested that campuswide diversity programs with regard to fostering diversity may have contributed.

Family finds injured girl

CO FORT COLLINS — A 14-year-old girl who was critically injured after falling off the roof of a moving vehicle in an unsuccessful attempt at "car surfing" was reunited with family members at a Fort Collins, Colo., hospital.

Cheyenne, Wyo., police said they located a 17-year-old girl suspected of stealing the vehicle from which Shailynne Manning fell.

Police Lt. Robert Korber said Cheyenne officers found the stolen 2004 Ford Century at a home in the city.

Fort Collins detectives questioned the 17-year-old but had not arrested her in connection with the incident, Korber said. Detectives believe the teenager, who was not identified because of her age, stole the vehicle from a relative's house near downtown Cheyenne about two weeks ago.

Authorities had been unable to identify Shailynne when she was first reported injured, but media attention helped her father find Shailynne, who had been missing for two days.

Popeye's party

IL CHESTER — Oh, Popeye! The sailor man is looking buff for a guy of 75.

Fans of the spinach-eating comic hero will celebrate his 75th birthday with a picnic in the Mississippi River hometown of his creator.

It's the 25th year of the picnic and organizers have said as many as 30,000 people once attended the event in Elzie Segar's hometown. But those numbers have dwindled to just a few thousand in recent years.

Picnic organizers say they hope those numbers will rebound this year.

City-hall thief

TX AUSTIN — You may not be able to fight city hall, but you can steal from it—at least for awhile.

John David Woods has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for

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stealing more than \$100,000 from 24 city halls across Texas to pay off Internet gambling debts.

Prosecutors said Woods, 34, had developed a system during the three-year string of thefts. He would rent a car, drive to another town, sneak into the city hall and take all the money he could find.

"He said he felt like it wasn't stealing from people because it was money possessed by the city," Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley said.

Alligator man sentenced

FL DAYTONA BEACH — A man who swung an alligator at his girlfriend during an argument was sentenced to six months in jail.

David Havenner, 41, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of battery and possession of an alligator, said Linda Pruitt, spokeswoman for the State Attorney's Office. He changed his earlier plea of not guilty, she said.

Sheriff's officials said Havenner was keeping the 3-foot gator in his bathtub and swung it at his girlfriend, Nancy Monico, 39, during an argument on July 16.

Clouds go postal

DC WASHINGTON — The post office is reaching for the clouds.



A tall job

Tommy Joseph, of Sitka's Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center, left, and Ron Sheetz, a wood conservator from Harpers Ferry, W. Va., look over the 60-year-old state-owned tottem in downtown Sitka, Alaska.

A set of new self-sticking stamps is planned for release by the U.S. Postal Service next month depicting 15 different types of clouds.

"These cloudscapes are beautiful reminders of our ties to the largest environment we live in—an environment of air and water that sustains us all," said William Johnston, secretary to the board of governors of the agency.

First-day-of-issue ceremony will be held Oct. 4 at the Blue Hill Observatory in Milton, Mass., with the stamps going on sale nationally the next day.

Bait spawns in Lakes

MI PONTIAC — Not all of the Great Lakes' invasive species arrived in the ballast water of freighters.

Scientists believe the rusty crawfish, a native of the Ohio River basin, came to the Great Lakes in bait buckets.

"That's the most likely pathway—anglers using them for bait and moving them from place to place," Mike Klepinger, a Michigan Sea Grant extension specialist, told The Daily Oakland Press. "We don't have much in the way of specific evidence for that, but we can't figure any other way."

Wanted: natural food

OR PORTLAND — Amy's Kitchen, a thriving frozen-food company in California, is being aggressively courted by Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who has been trying to persuade organic and natural food businesses from the state to move north to Oregon.

The governor has lobbied the company with projections that it could save nearly \$4 million on workers compensation costs, energy and taxes. Kulongoski even paid a personal visit to the company's headquarters in Santa Rosa. "He just came in and said 'Hi, I'm Ted,'" said Andy Bertlner, who co-founded the \$100 million-a-year company.

Oregon needs eco-friendly food processors to help keep its 17 million acres of agricultural land profitable and productive, said Marty Brantley, Oregon's director of economic and community development.

When jails go bad

TN WAYNESBORO — Officials shut down a crowded, run-down county jail amid fire and safety violations including an inmate sleeping on a floor partly covered by water from leaky plumbing.

A surprise inspection Aug. 26 at the 31-year-old Wayne County Jail found 16 violations, including smoke alarms that did not work, officials said. "It was just pretty horrendous," said Paula Wade, spokeswoman for the state Department of Commerce and Insurance, which oversees the state fire marshal's office. "It ain't the Hilton."

Prisoners were either moved to other jails or ordered released early by judges while repairs costing about \$250,000 are done over the next six months.

The jail was built to hold 23 prisoners but was housing 42 on the day of the inspection.



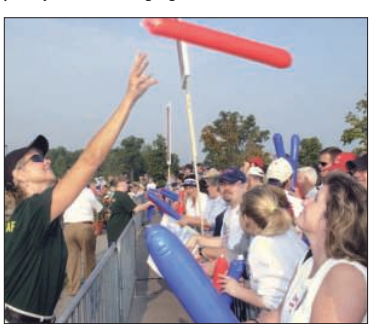
Feeding time

Dairymen Earl Cruze feeds one of his calves on his farm near Knoxville, Tenn.



A misty horizon

A fishing boat heads into the harbor at Oswego, N.Y., from Lake Ontario, ahead of a huge bank of clouds created by cool air over the warmer water, which partially obscures the Oswego Lighthouse.



Catch it if you can

Jean Kusar throws balloons into the crowds at Lake Farmpark in Kirtland, Ohio.



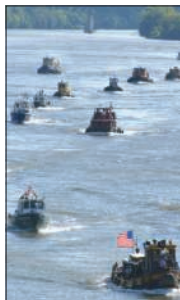
A family affair

Tattoo artist Paolo Acuna, right, of Phoenix, Ariz., draws a tattoo design on the arm of his wife, Annette, at the Boston Tattoo Convention in Boston's South End neighborhood.



Classical dog

Stranger, a mixed-breed male dog, sits on the shoulder of Cathy Tucker, one of his owners, as the Middletown Symphony Orchestra plays in the background at Sunset Park in Middletown, Ohio.



Follow the leader

The tugboat Urger, lower right, leads tugboats traveling north on the Hudson River near Troy, N.Y., to take part in the sixth annual Tugboat Round at Waterford Visitors Center in Waterford, N.Y.



Zozobra's on fire

Fireworks explode before the burning of Zozobra at Fort Mary Park in Santa Fe, N.M. The 80th annual burning of Zozobra marked the beginning of the Santa Fe Fiesta.

Campus speech

CO DENVER — A university president and a Democratic state lawmaker said rules put in place this year to protect conservative viewpoints on Colorado campuses have harmed free speech and led to death threats against professors.

Republican lawmakers responded that conservative students are still being harassed and more needs to be done.

The comments came as a handful of college officials and students went before the Legislature's Joint Education Committee to report on efforts to enforce the Academic Bill of Rights. All state-funded colleges adopted the policy this year under pressure from Republican lawmakers.

The measure encourages the schools to review student rights and campus grievance procedures "to ensure that intellectual and political diversity is explicitly recognized and protected and to ensure those rights are adequately publicized to students."

Teen accused in ID scam

GA HAPEVILLE — Police have arrested a 15-year-old boy who they say racked up thousands of dollars in charges and even built his own police car through an elaborate identity theft scam that took credit card numbers from at least a dozen people.

The boy, who has not been identified because of his age, allegedly operated the scheme from his mother's home in Hapeville, just south of Atlanta.

Police say the teenager was able to have himself listed as an authorized user for others' credit cards. He ran up \$17,000 on one card and \$10,000 on another, police said.

So far, police have identified at least 12 victims.

Arrest over tip fight

NY LAKE GEORGE — A New York City man accused of leaving an inadequate tip at a restaurant was arrested, fingerprinted and photographed for a mug shot.

Humberto A. Taveras, 41, faces a misdemeanor charge of theft of services after he and his fellow diners argued with Soprano's Italian and American Grill managers over the legality of requiring an 18 percent tip for large parties.

"They chased us down like a bunch of criminals," Taveras said. "It killed our weekend."

Taveras and eight others had pizza at the restaurant in this resort village. He told the Glens Falls Post-Star they weren't completely satisfied with the food and left a tip of less than 10 percent. Taveras said they also were not told of a mandatory 18 percent gratuity for parties of six or more and did not see notice of it on their menus.

Booze is back

TX LOCKHART — City leaders belied up to the bar and women danced the "Charleston" to celebrate the return of strong drink to a Central Texas town best known for its tasty barbecue joints. Lockhart once was known as a Wild West town full of saloons and outlaws, but hard booze has been banned since 1920.

After Prohibition ended in 1933, residents could only buy beer.

But in May, residents of the community of 40,000 overwhelmingly voted to allow hard liquor and wine sales.

A coffee bar on the courthouse called Javamonito obtained the city's first and only liquor license. And the town's long dry spell ended when the bartender began pouring Maysanitas — a vodka, whiskey and chocolate concoction that became the first legal mixed drink sold in Caldwell County in 84 years.

Major payroll error

CT MIDDLETOWN — The company that owns the Chicago Cubs and The Hartford Courant are battling a former newspaper carrier to get back the last of \$301,000 it accidentally gave to him instead of a baseball player with the same name.

The Tribune Co. money that was meant for Mark Guthrie, the relief pitcher, was sent to the bank account of Mark Guthrie, the Courant deliveryman, in three payments, the final one made last October. Five weeks later, the Cubs realized the error, and the team took back \$275,000 before Guthrie froze his account.

The Cubs sued in February but last month filed legal documents offering to drop the suit if he handed over the final \$26,000.

Dunes become a park

CO DENVER — Colorado will become home to the country's newest national park when Interior Secretary Gale Norton officially reclassifies the Great Sand Dunes National Monument.

Norton was set to join Rep. Scott McInnis and Sen. Ben Ray Lujan at a ceremony at the dunes to designate the southern Colorado site a national park. McInnis, Campbell and fellow Republican Sen. Wayne Allard sponsored legislation and lobbied to have the 750-foot dunes, North America's tallest, the surrounding mountains and the sagebrush-dotted high desert turned into a national park.

The dunes hug the bottom of the snowy Sangre de Cristo Mountains that tower over the San Luis Valley. The landscape changes from 8,200-foot-high grasslands, to the dunes, to 13,000-plus-foot mountains and alpine lakes — all within four miles.

Break in cold case

MD BALTIMORE — It was a slaying that even 30 years later is heart-breaking in the details.

On Christmas Eve 1974, 40-year-old McKinley Johnson Jr., making holiday baskets to give away as he did every year, confronted a man who stole a can of Spam from one of the baskets. He was shot and killed by his trouble.

A man wanted for the killing was recently arrested in Boston.

Michael Hughes, now 58, was arrested for allegedly stabbing a man he thought was gay. He had been arrested several times for the Baltimore killing but was only connected when a Boston transit police booking officer discovered Hughes was using several aliases and ran a fingerprint check.

Hughes' family said he was acting in self-defense when he shot Johnson.

Stories and photos from wire services



British movie director Mike Leigh holds the Golden Lion trophy he won Saturday for best movie at the 61st Venice Film Festival in Italy. Leigh won for his film "Vera Drake."

Leigh film wins Venice festival

The Associated Press

VENICE, Italy — Mike Leigh's "Vera Drake," a film about an underground abortionist in 1950s England, won the Golden Lion for best picture Saturday at the close of the 11-day Venice Film Festival.

"Vera Drake" is another of Leigh's raw, naturalistic films dealing with social issues in Britain. This time the setting is London of half a century ago, where a seemingly unexceptional housewife is secretly performing abortions.

"In a cynical world, it is a wonderful thing and most reassuring, when low-budget, serious, committed, independent, European films are recognized and encouraged in this way and helped to reach their audiences," Leigh told the awards gala at central Venice's Venice theater.

Leigh, 61, is famous for drawing out stunning performances from his actors, and this time was no different, with Imelda Staunton taking best actress for her role as Drake.

"I do think it deals with a complex subject with such compassion," she told the audience. "Mike Leigh is a genius." Leigh is known for disturbing and emotional films such as "Secrets and Lies" (1996) and "Naked" (1992). His intense approach often requires months of working on character development with the actors.

The runner-up of the night was the Spanish film "Mar Adentro" ("The Sea Within"), by "The Others" director Alejandro Amenabar. The film had been touted as a possible best-picture winner, but instead it took home the Silver Lion Jury Grand Prix.

Star Javier Bardem won best actor for his role as a quadriplegic man who wants to end his life. The Silver Lion for best director went to Korean director Kim Ki-duk for "Bin Jip."

Some 22 films were in competition. The nine-pioneer jury was headed by British director John Boorman and included filmmaker Spike Lee.

This year's festival was notable for its shaky organization, and the awards ceremony preserved the trend. The presenter, Italian actress Claudia Gerini, initially handed Amenabar a Silver Lion, then announced it was time for the big one: the Golden Lion for best picture. However, she left out the Silver Lion for Kim, and suddenly it was unclear who won and who lost.

"Sorry, I missed a prize," she said with embarrassment. "We haven't arrived at the Golden Lion."

The most common complaint during the festival was that screenings started late — sometimes by more than an hour.

A late-night presentation of Johnny Depp's "Finding Neverland" didn't begin until after 2 a.m. Another long delay preceded Al Pacino's "The Merchant of Venice." Then it turned out that overbooking had left the actor without a seat. And part way through a screening of the film "Eros," the projectionist mistakenly began showing a different film.

AFRTS Television Schedule

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004									
AFN-EUROPE		AFN-KOREA		AFN-NEWS		AFN-SPORTS		SPECTRUM	
8:00 Dr. Phil	DragonflyTV	9:30 Mary-Kate and Ashley	The Highway Boys	10:00 Jeopardy!	For News Watch	11:00 Bulls and Bears	PGA Golf	12:00 Law & Order: "Patsy"	Jeopardy!
10:00 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	11:00 ESPNews	Cavuto on Business	12:00 General Hospital	Advisory Block	13:00 Headline News	Next at CNN	14:00 The Simpsons	Headline News
13:00 Judge Judy	Today Ann Ralston; Heather Locklear; Linda Bloodworth-Thomson	14:00 Cold Case "Resolutions"	24 Day 2: 3:00 - 4:00PM	15:00 Recess (E)	Pacific Report	16:00 Digimon-Digital	The Tonight Show	17:00 Jeopardy!	Late Show
18:00 Headline News	Headline News	19:00 Cold Case "Resolutions"	20:00 Countdown With Keith Olbermann	21:00 Entertainment	The Hot List	22:00 Headline News	Headline News	23:00 Today	Late Show
24:00 Late Show									
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004									
06:00 (11:30) Late Show	06:30 Access Hollywood	1:00 The Hot List	Sesame Street (E)	2:00 Monday Night Countdown	2:30 Sagwa-Siamese Cat	3:00 NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers. From Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (Live)	4:00 Oprah Winfrey	5:00 NBC Nightly News	6:00 Headline News
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2004									
06:00 (11:30) Late Show	06:30 Access Hollywood	1:00 The Hot List	Sesame Street (E)	2:00 Monday Night Countdown	2:30 Sagwa-Siamese Cat	3:00 NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers. From Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (Live)	4:00 Oprah Winfrey	5:00 NBC Nightly News	6:00 Headline News
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FACES 'N' PLACES

Riding the wave

BY BARRY KOLTUNOW
The Orange County Register

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — A big movie star doesn't walk into a plush Beverly Hills hotel suite carrying a plate of spaghetti.

But Colin Farrell does.

A big movie star doesn't interrupt a string of career-making roles in big-budget movies, including "S.W.A.T.," "Minority Report," and the upcoming Oliver Stone epic "Alexander," with an understated perfor-

On run of astonishing success, Colin Farrell feels no need to follow rules or expectations

mance as a sexually ambiguous character in a low-budget drama called "A Home at the End of the World."

But Colin Farrell does.

In fact, the 28-year-old Irish actor doesn't follow a lot of the rules of Hollywood stardom. And that, my friends, is the point.

"I have never pursued movie stardom, even though it seems as if I have," the ravenous and fast-talking Farrell says between bites of his pasta.

He cleans the plate in less than a minute, and then washes it down with a long swig of dark Irish beer. Satisfied, he places the empty plate on a dresser and fires up a Camel Light. It will not be his last. He is wearing an open shirt,

blue jeans, a chain metal belt and a wool cap that he removes and puts back on several times during the interview. It's almost as if he uses the cap to emphasize a point.

"I don't care about being a movie star," he says. "I like to work. If it turns out that by working at what I love, I become a movie star, then so be it. I'm not going to fight it."

But he's certainly going to enjoy every moment of it.

The tabloids and gossip hounds have had a field day with Farrell ever since he started acting in American movies about five years ago.

At one time or another, he has been limited to almost every available actress in town, and even to some who weren't available. He recently had a son with a woman he's dated, and his drinking and partying have become the stuff of Hollywood legend.

The interesting thing is that Farrell doesn't bother to deny any of it, although he insists that the media gives him too much credit.

"I'm single, I'm rich and I'm a movie star," he says without apologies. "If I can't have fun at this, what's the point?"

"But I think the media writes so much about me because they're bored and have nothing better to do. I'm not quite as wild as they say I am. I work hard and, at the end of the day, I socialize and have a good time. I don't see anything wrong with that."

"If I start drinking so much that when I report to the set in the morning, I can't do my work, then come see me."

The son of a professional Irish football (soccer) player, Farrell was the youngest of four children. He first dreamed about following in his father's footsteps until he discovered girls. Girls didn't leave time for training.

So he followed his older brother into acting school and soon found work in small

films and the theater, in both his native Dublin and London. It was in a London play that Kevin Spacey saw him and suggested him to director Joel Schumacher, who was casting "Tigerland," a film about a group of young recruits sent to participate in war games to prepare them for Vietnam.

Farrell next played Jesse James in "American Outlaws," followed by the role of a soldier opposite Bruce Willis in "Hart's War," the terrorized executive in "Phone Booth," the spy-in-training with his acting idol Al Pacino in "The Recruit," the bald, tattooed villain in "Daredevil," the heroic police officer in "S.W.A.T." and Tom Cruise's nemesis in Steven Spielberg's "Minority Report."

So, the question needs to be asked: Why take a sharp right turn from that stardom course by appearing in "A Home at the End of the World?"

This is a small, Oscar-quality film written by Michael Cunningham, who wrote "The Hours," and directed by Michael Mayer, whose last directorial assignment was the Broadway musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

Hardly the kind of film one would expect from a rising Hollywood superstar.

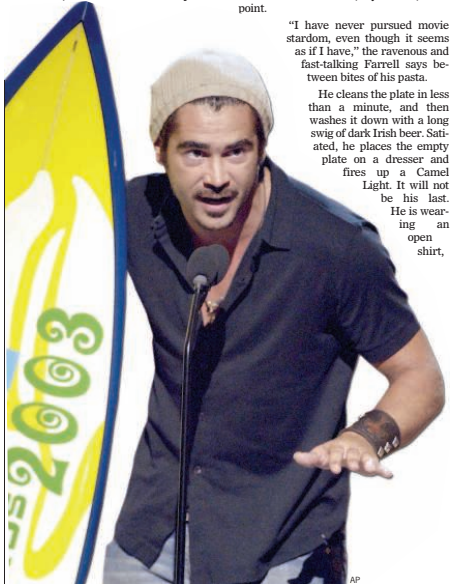
"I read the script and it was so powerful, I told my agent that I had to be in it," Farrell said. "I didn't care whether it was good for my career. It was wonderful work."

Farrell reaches for another Camel Light and takes a long pull on the cigarette.

"I'm not chasing movie stardom," he says when told of Mayer's comments. "I'm only chasing my own destiny. There is no master plan. There is only a series of unrelated moves."

"But I do feel a greater sense of purpose since the birth of my son. It's the most incredible thing in the world. For the first time in my life, it makes me want to stick around."

"That doesn't mean I won't continue to have my fun. It doesn't mean I won't continue to disrespect the rules of Hollywood. I just don't have to be so loud about it anymore."



Nelson, Carter together again

Willie Nelson visited former President Jimmy Carter, a long-time friend, to tape a television special and a free concert for residents of Plains, Ga., Carter's hometown.

About 3,000 people attended Nelson's concert last week in Plains, and the two were brought together again for a Country Music Television special, "CMT Homecoming: Jimmy Carter in Plains."

Carter said that in recent conversations he and Nelson "couldn't think of any issue on any subject" on which the two disagreed. "We have a long friendship," Carter said.



Nelson

De Niro defends roles

Robert De Niro dismissed accusations that his Mafia roles have smeared the image of Italian-Americans, arguing that he plays realistic characters including many who could not be construed as stereotypes.

De Niro's defense came after the Order Sons of Italy in America, a fraternal organization of Americans of Italian heritage, wrote a letter to the Italian government, urging it to cancel its plan to award the actor honorary citizenship. The government rejected that request, and is expected to confer the honor next month.

"The characters that I played are real —



De Niro

they are real. So they have as much right to be portrayed as any other characters," De Niro said, during promotion Friday of the animated feature "Shark Tale."

Beckham making bank

David Beckham's bank accountant is bending — from all the weight.

Beckham's five-year contract with Gillette to plug its razors and blades will earn him \$61 million.

The European equivalent to Michael Jordan will now make more than the No. 1 American athlete moneymaker, Tiger Woods, whose total earnings are estimated at more than \$70 million. Earlier this year, Sports Illustrated reported the Real Madrid soccer player's income at \$30 million a year.

The slogan for the Gillette ad blitz is "Shave it like Beckham," a takeoff of the

British movie "Bend it like Beckham."

Madonna special dropped

Even Madonna doesn't always get what she wants.

A deal for the pop diva to show a tape of one of her concerts on CBS has fallen through.

Madonna wanted the special to air for more than two hours and be commercial-free, said CBS entertainment spokesman Chris Ender. The network wasn't willing to give up more than two hours of its prime-time schedule and insisted on commercials.



Madonna

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Horoscope

It's particularly easy to get overwhelmed while Virgo energy amplifies the critical voice inside your head. Getting ready for the new moon tomorrow involves wrapping up a million details and probably working long hours, too. Be willing to let some tasks handle themselves. This can be done by simply removing yourself from the situation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(September 13). This year, you come tantalizingly close to achieving that perfect balance between blissful togetherness and maintaining your independence. People are attracted to your sense of style and that certain enigmatic smile that comes with your inner calm. Doors open up for you this month. By holiday season, you'll be calling all the shots.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You want to take a big leap forward today but feel like others are holding you two steps back. Trust that it's all for the best. Try lightning up with a brisk walk at lunchtime. The rest of the day should be smooth sailing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

It's perfectly acceptable to rest on your laurels a bit. You're too hard working to ever be accused of laziness, so don't listen to your inner critic! Instead, tune out that self-defeating monologue in your head, and listen to your body.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

If you've got something difficult to say to someone, today's the day to do it. You'll be less likely to hurt anyone's feelings, and chances are, you'll be able to present your case in the most favorable light possible.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

By now, you should be getting the distinct impression that you've turned the corner on whatever it was that had you so upset recently. Things are definitely looking up, so have a little faith and don't give up. You're in for a surprise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Clinging to something (or someone) you really only defeat your efforts. But if you just open your big heart to the world and make room for the

unexpected, you may get exactly what you wanted — and then some.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Is there someone from your past who has been on your mind a lot lately? Now's a good time to give that person a call. You and a loved one benefit from something educational, perhaps a trip to the library or a good documentary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get in touch with your playful side. Do something creative like change your hairstyle, shoot a roll of black-and-white film on your old camera, or rearrange your furniture. Even listening to music puts things in a new light.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The obstacles that were in your way seem easily surmountable today. You get by with a little help from your friends. In fact, someone you thought was playing for the other team turns out to be a wonderful ally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You play chatty if anyone knows how to have a good time, off! Everyone follows your lead. At the office, your career attitude sets the tone for your department. At home, an unexpected phone call brings exciting news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Sometimes, it's lonely at the top. If you stay true to your down-to-earth roots, you'll fare much better. Co-workers benefit from your diplomacy. You hear both sides of the argument and render wise and fair judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Your very nature engenders surprises, so you know by now to expect the unexpected. Still, careful planning can help you avoid an unpleasant mishap. If dating, you may be called upon to defend someone's honor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

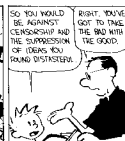
If you played too hard over the weekend, you probably won't feel terribly productive today. The sooner you accept this, the quicker you can move on to the important things like daydreaming about what tomorrow will bring.

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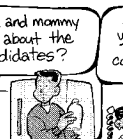
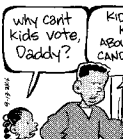
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Calvin and Hobbes



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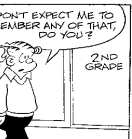
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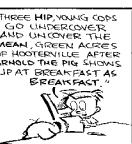
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Beetle Bailey



Red and Rover



Better or Worse



Peanuts



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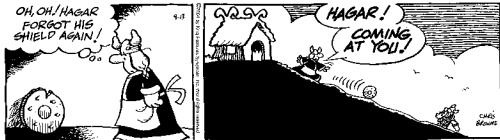
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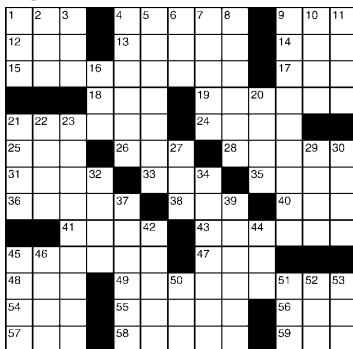
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

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9 "What'd I tell you?"
12 Census datum
13 Move a fern
14 Squirrel's hangout
15 Deteriorated
17 Exploit
18 Scoot
19 One
21 Kind of antelope
24 Expression of relief
25 Through
26 Cash dispenser (Abb.)
28 HMO fee
31 Messes up
33 Pack away
35 Avis adjective
36 Hayseed
38 Respected dwarf
40 Michael Stipe's band
41 Prudish
43 Welk's dances
45 Deli purchase
47 "— Got a Secret"
48 Eggs (Latin)
49 Try for the extra point
54 Moment
55 With 10-Down, uncomfortable
56 Pirouette pivot
57 Raw rock
58 Secluded valleys
59 Austin Powers, e.g.

Down

- 1 Binge
2 Past
3 Fellows
4 Actress Andress
5 Child under a month old
6 Processor, for short
7 Yoga position
8 Re a people
9 Cartman's town
10 See 55-Across
11 Stretched (out)
16 Memorable period
20 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
21 Actress Judith
22 "Dutch Interior" painter
23 "Monopoly" square
27 Alfred E. Neuman's magazine
29 Carpet layer's calculation
30 Sweet potatoes
32 Antitoxins
34 Of temporary interest
37 Transparent
39 Wants enviously
42 1,000 (French)
44 Albanian money
45 "Been better, been worse"
46 Make a statement
50 Detergent brand
51 "Monty Python" opener
52 Flatfoot
53 Indispensable

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Saturday's Cryptoquip: I BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE THE CASE THAT A WATCHMAKER IS CONSTANTLY WORKING OVER TIME.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals K

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Dodgers beat Cardinals for fifth straight

Izturis' two-run single wins it; Bonds' 201st walk sets mark

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Cesar Izturis led his go-ahead two-run single in the eighth inning, Steve Finley homered for the fourth time in three games and Los Angeles beat St. Louis 6-5 on Saturday.

Izturis' night for his fifth straight victory. David Ross led off the eighth with a bunt single against Julian Tavarez. Cal Eldred (3-2) relieved and Jose Hernandez pitched a grinder to second baseman Tony Womack, whose hurried flip to Gold Glove shortstop Edgar Renteria was dropped for an error. Both runners advanced on a passed ball to rookie Yadier Molina and Izturis drove a 3-1 pitch to center field to put the Dodgers back in front.

Reliever Scott Stewart (1-0) retired one batter, Jim Edmonds on a groundout ending the eighth, to claim the victory. Eric Gagne pitched a scoreless ninth for his 40th save and 103rd in his last 105 chances.

Giants 5, Diamondbacks 3: Bobby Bonds broke his major league record for walks in a season and rookie Noah Lowery allowed four hits in seven-plus innings in visiting San Francisco's victory over Arizona.

Bonds walked three times, once intentionally, to run his season total to 201, surpassing the record of 198 he set in 2002.

Lowery (4-0) struck out four and walked three. The 23-year-old



Cincinnati's Rafael Purcell slides safely into home as Milwaukee catcher Gary Bennett awaits the late throw.

left-hander blanked Arizona on two hits until Chad Tracy's pinch-hit home run with one out in the seventh.

Dustin Hermanson came in with runners at first and third with no outs in the ninth. He finished for his 12th save in 14 opportunities. Arizona had runners at second and third and no outs when Dustan Mohr made a leaping catch of Tracy's line drive at the right-field fence. Tracy kept running, though, diving into second as Arizona's Scott Hairston raced back to the bag. Tracy knocked Hairston off the base, and he was tagged to make it a double play.

Braves 8, Expos 1: Andrew Jones and Rafael Purcell homered, and pinch-hitter Julio Franco capped a six-run seventh with a two-run double. Host Atlanta's NL East lead is 8½ games.

In his first start in two weeks,

Mike Hampton gave up four hits in 4½ scoreless innings before leaving with a strained left knee.

Junrr Cruz (5-2) gave up one run in 1½ innings.

Livan Hernandez (10-13) allowed seven runs, 10 hits and four walks in 6½ innings, throwing a season-high 143 pitches. He is 0-10 in his last 12 regular-season starts against the Braves, including 0-5 this season.

Reds 9, Brewers 0: Adam Dunn hit a grand slam in host Cincinnati's seven-run ninth inning.

Dunn and Austin Kearns hit consecutive homers off Victor Santos (10-10), and Felipe Lopez homered in the sixth against Travis Phelps. Kearns and Lopez had three hits each as the Reds won consecutive games for the first time in three weeks.

Luke Hudson (3-1) gave up three hits in six innings and Mike Matthews, Phil Norton and Aaron

Myette combined to complete a four-hitter. Milwaukee's 13th shutout ranks second in the major leagues behind Montreal (16).

Cubs 5, Marlins 2: Derrek Lee hit a three-run, eighth-inning double against his former team to end Chicago rallied past Florida to maintain its NL wild-card lead.

The Cubs began the day one percentage point ahead of San Francisco, which played at Arizona last Saturday. Houston fell one game back and the defending World Series champion Marlins and San Diego dropped 2½ games off the pace.

Ryan Dempster (1-1) won in relief of Carlos Zambrano, and Latroy Hawkins pitched the ninth for his 21st save. Guillermo Mota (9-6) was the loser. Rudy Seanez allowed Lee's go-ahead hit.

Pirates 5, Astros 2: Jason Bay hit a three-run homer in the first off Brandon Backe (3-3) and

added an RBI double in the fifth to back Ryan Vogelsong (5-12), who limited the visiting Astros to one run in six innings. Houston has lost three of four following a 12-game winning streak.

Craig Biggio homered on Vogelsong's second pitch, extending to 40 his NL record for leadoff homers. He drove in both Houston runs.

Jose Mesa got two outs for his 39th save.

Rockies 13, Padres 2: Matt Holliday and Clint Barnes each drove three RBIs each and Jeff Francis (2-2) was a winner in his home debut for Colorado.

Garrett Atkins hit his first career homer, a two-run shot in the seventh, Barnes was 3-for-5 and every position player had a hit as Colorado won its seventh in 10 games, all against teams still in the playoff race.

Khalil Greene homered twice and has four in three games. Adam Eaton (9-13) gave up seven runs and a career-high 12 hits in five innings for the Padres, who have lost eight of 11.

Phillies 11, Mets 9 (13): David Bell's second home run of the game, a two-run drive off Vic Darenburg (0-1), capped the visiting Phillies' comeback from a 6-2 sixth-inning deficit. The Phillies, 4½ games out in the wild-card race, have won five straight and eight of nine.

Bell and Jason Michaels hit RBI singles in the ninth for a 9-7 lead but the Mets, who have lost 18 of 20, came back with two earned runs in the bottom half, tying the score on Wilson Delgado's two-out single against Billy Wagner, who then was cashed out by plate umpire Dana DeMuth after throwing two high-and-tight pitches to Cliff Floyd.

Roberto Hernandez (3-5) won after Felix Rodriguez got his first save since July 11 last year. The teams combined to use 18 pitchers, tying the major league record.

Boston romps over Seattle to remain 2½ behind

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Bronson Arroyo pitched seven shutout innings and Manny Ramirez led Mark Bellhorn homered, leading Boston's 9-0 rout of the Seattle Mariners on Saturday night.

Boston stayed 2½ games back of New York Yankees in the AL East with their 28th victory in 34 games. The Yankees beat Baltimore 5-2 earlier.

Arroyo (9-9) won his fourth straight decision, allowing four hits, no walks and six strikeouts. He came out with a 7-0 lead after making 85 pitches.

Mike Timlin and Alan Embree finished up the five-hitter, Boston's 12th shutout of the season. The Mariners were shut out for the 11th time.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, who leads the majors with 229 hits, won 6-for-4 for the second straight night. He has 21 games left to tie the major league season record of 257 hits by George



Sisler in 1920 for the St. Louis Browns.

Jamie Moyer (6-11) gave up two homers and leads the majors with 41 home runs allowed.

White Sox 13, Angels 6: Paul Konerko singled, doubled, scored twice and drove in three runs all during an eight-run second inning — and visiting Chicago roughed up Aaron Sele in a victory over the Angels.

Konerko's bases-loaded double scored three runs, and Jamie Karpis singled home two runs as the White Sox sent 13 batters to the plate and pounded Sele (8-3) for eight runs — four earned — in the second.

Jason Grilli (2-1), making his fourth start for the White Sox since being called up on Aug. 27, gave up five runs on nine hits in five-plus innings.

Rangers 10, Blue Jays 7: David Dellucci hit a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning and Francisco Cordero earned his 43rd save to match a Texas record.

Eric Hinske and Chris Gomez each hit pinch-hit homers in the top of the eighth as visiting Toronto scored three times to tie it 7-7. It was the 15th time in major league history — eighth in the AL — that a team had two pinch hitters in an inning. Curtis Pride and Scott Hatteberg did it for Boston on Sept. 19, 1997, against the Chicago White Sox, the last time it happened.

Cordero got the final three outs in the ninth to tie the club mark set by John Wetteland in 1999.

Twins 3, Tigers 2: Cristian Guzman and Shannon Stewart homered, and Jacques Jones hit a go-ahead single in the seventh off Al Levine (3-3) as the AL Central leader won its fourth straight.

Jesse Crain (2-0) got an out in

the sixth and two in the seventh and Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 40th save.

The host Tigers lost their two AL-Stars to right knee injuries. Shortstop Carlos Guillen sprained his knee while sliding awkwardly into third base in the fifth and catcher Ivan Rodriguez tied in the seventh with a bruised knee after being hit by foul play.

Devil Rays 8, Royals 6: Visiting Tampa Bay stopped the second-longest losing streak in team history at 12 games, three shy of the team record.

Julio Lugo hit his third double of the game in the seventh and tied it 6-6 when he scored on a wild pitch by Jimmy Serrano (1-2). Aubrey Huff then tripled and Jose Cruz Jr. hit his second sacrifice fly.

Athletics 5, Indians 4: Rookies Bobby Crosby and Nick Swisher hit consecutive homers in the eighth as host Oakland stopped a five-game losing streak.

Scott Hatteberg had a two-run double for the A's, who lead Anaheim by two games in the AL West. Travis Hafner's three-run homer in the seventh stalked Cleveland to a 4-0 lead.

Ricardo Rincon (1-0) pitched out of an eighth-inning jam for his first decision in 57 appearances this season, and Octavio Dotel pitched the ninth for his 19th save. Howry (1-1) was the loser.

Yankees 5, Orioles 2: Orlando Hernandez pitched seven innings of five-hit ball to become the first Yankees starter to go 8-0 since Bob Wickman in 1993. Visiting New York is 11½ in last.

Mano Rivera got three outs for his major-league leading 47th save. He tied former teammate John Wetteland for eighth on the career list at 330.

Derrek Jeter had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run for the Yankees, who have won 10 of seven. Division Ponson (10-14) gave up five runs and three earned — and 10 hits in seven-plus innings.



Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia makes a return against compatriot Elena Dementieva during the U.S. Open women's final Saturday in New York.

All-Russian final is all Kuznetsova

19-year-old claims first Grand Slam

By HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — By all rights, Svetlana Kuznetsova should have been a cycling star. Her brother and parents all won or coached others to Olympic medals and world titles in that sport. Kuznetsova gave it a shot, hated it, and moved to tennis.

What a brilliant career move. Still just 19, with braces on her teeth, she's the U.S. Open champion, the third straight Russian woman to win a major.

Pounding ferocious forehands and covering the baseline with the muscular legs of a Tour de France rider, Kuznetsova overcame Elena Dementieva 6-3, 7-5 Saturday night to claim the U.S. Open women's final, the first Russian Grand Slam's first all-Russian final.

"When I played the first game, I was, 'Wow, there are so many people out here.' I was nervous," said Kuznetsova, never past the quarterfinals in a major before. "This morning, I was nervous. I was stiff. But something inside of me was telling me I would be fine."

As of four months ago, no Russian woman ever won a major, but Anastasia Myskina beat Dementieva in the French Open final, and Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon. Russians occupy half of the top 10 spots in the rankings.

"Russia is just a powerful coun-

try," said Kuznetsova, the youngest Open champion since Serena Williams was 17 in 1999.

"There's competition between us."

Until now, Kuznetsova probably was the least-known of her country's crop of rising stars, instead most famous for being Martina Navratilova's former doubles partner. They won five titles as a pair and were the runners-up in the 2003 Open.

The men's final Sunday has two more recognizable players: top-ranked Roger Federer against 2001 Open champion Lleyton Hewitt.

Federer, bidding to become the first man since 1988 to win three majors in a year, beat No. 5 Tim Henman 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, while No. 4 Hewitt eliminated No. 28 Joachim Johansson 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 Saturday afternoon.

Saturday evening began on a somber note, with 20,524 spectators joining in a moment of silence to remember victims of Sept. 11, 2001, and the recent terrorist attack at a school in Russia. Kuznetsova and Dementieva both wore black ribbons in memory of the hundreds of Russian victims, and they walked out from the locker room wearing blue baseball caps with "FDNY" and "NYPD" to honor New York's police and fire workers.

The American flag atop the stadium was at half-staff, and a 50-foot flag was unfurled on court before the match.

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The task was clear for Jeremy Mayfield: Win the race and don't worry about making NASCAR's playoffs.

Mission accomplished. Mayfield raced to his first victory in more than four years Saturday night, taking the Chevrolet Rock and Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway after leader Kurt Busch ran out of gas eight laps from the finish.

The victory locked Mayfield into NASCAR's race for the Nextel Cup.

title in the final qualifying event. "We had no choice but to try to win the race and lead the most laps," Mayfield said. "We really put it all together because we had to win. We focused all week on that."

But Mayfield was the only driver to jump into the chase. Casey Kahne, his teammate at Evernham Motorsports, finished 12th and dropped out of the top 10.

"It was a pathetic race car," Kahne said. "It was not a good day."

Jamie McMurray felt the same way, finishing in ninth place and narrowly missing the chase. He's 11th in the standings, but just 31 points out of the 400-point window that would have qualified him.

His team spent the final few laps desperately begging for help from other drivers to get McMurray more positions and more points.

But with his engine draining on power, there was nothing he could do.

"The motor just blew up and there with about 25 laps to go, and there

Ferrari sweep in Italian Grand Prix

The Associated Press

MONZA, Italy — Rubens Barrichello won the Italian Grand Prix on Sunday, beating world champion teammate Michael Schumacher in a race that nearly got away from the Ferrari team on its home track.

Barrichello has won this race two of the last three years, and now has eight Formula One ca-



Jeremy Mayfield celebrates after winning the Chevy Rock and Roll 400 Saturday and securing a spot in NASCAR's 10-race playoff.

wasn't a whole lot we could do," McMurray said. "We don't deserve to be in it."

Bobby Labonte, Kevin Harvick and Dale Jarrett were the only other drivers with mathematical shots at racing into the playoff picture, but ended up as also-rans after poor performances on the 0.75-mile track.

Jarrett finished 26th and was never a factor.

"We looked like we weren't prepared for that," he said. "We ran terrible, just terrible."

The chase will start with Jeff Gordon as the points leader, followed in five-point increments by Jimmie Johnson, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, defending champion Matt Kenseth, Elliott Sadler, Busch, Mark Martin, Mayfield and Ryan Newman.

The points system was adopted this year, replacing the format that began in 1975 and rewarded

consistency while often creating dull championship chases. The champion has typically coasted to his title with few challenges over the stretch run.

Mayfield came into the race in 14th place in the standings and knew he'd have to work hard to get into the top 10. But he came to Richmond prepared, qualifying his Dodge in seventh place and running well in all the practice sessions.

Earnhardt Jr. was second in the race, followed by Gordon, Mike Bliss, Martin, Carl Edwards, Mike Wallace, Greg Biffle, McMurray and Rusty Wallace.

Castroves first in qualifying

JOLIET, Ill. — Helio Castroneves ran away with the pole position in the season's Delphi Indy 500, his second straight pole and third of the IRL season.

After running 214,040 mph on his warmup lap — a speed that would have been good enough to put him on the pole — Helio Castroneves turned in an official lap of 214,759 mph.

Tony Kanaan was second at 214,030 mph, the only other driver in the 22-car field to crack the 214 mph mark.

Bourdais starts on pole again

MONTEREY, Calif. — Sebastien Bourdais won his seventh pole in his Newman/Haas Racing Lola into the dirt and struggled hard to stay in control, finally jerking the car back onto the track.

Bourdais ran two fast laps in the final minute and a half of the session that were enough to take the pole. The second lap was slightly faster — 1 minute, 9.358 seconds (116.163 mph).

year's driver title.

Schumacher, who was going for his 13th victory of the season, skidded off a corner during the first lap, losing 21 seconds to the leading drivers. He fought back lap after lap to finish among the top three for the 14th time in 15 races this year.

Jenson Button, who led for several laps, drove his Bar-Honda to third place.

Sports briefs

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Undefeated Miguel Cotto won the vacant WBO junior welterweight title Saturday night, stopping Kelson Pinto in the sixth round.

Showing power and precision, Cotto attacked from the start with sharp left hooks to the face and displayed poise in his first title fight in front of his countrymen.

The knockout came at 2:28 of the sixth, after a left hook and a series of combinations in a corner sent the Brazilian face first to the canvas. Pinto beat the count, but was

visibly hurt and his corner stopped the fight. "He came out strong, but we imposed our plan," said Cotto, who improved to 21-0 with his 17th knockout.

It was the first loss in 21 fights for Pinto, who had defeated Cotto twice in amateurs before.

Pinto was knocked down twice before the sixth — in the second, with a left hook, and in the fifth, with a left hook and a short right to the chin.

In the other title fight, Daniel Santos (29-2-1) retained his WBO junior middleweight title in a split decision over Antonio Margarito.

Canada reaches World Cup final

TORONTO — Vincent Lecavalier, who helped lead the Tampa Bay Lightning to the Stanley Cup in June, scored 3:45 into overtime Saturday night to give Canada a 4-3 victory over the Czech Republic and send the host nation into the title game of the World Cup of Hockey.

The Canadians, who have reached the

championship game in all seven Canada Cup/World Cup tournaments, will face Finland in Toronto on Tuesday night.

Three U.S. Open umpires dismissed

NEW YORK — Three U.S. Open chair umpires were dismissed from the tournament after an investigation into their improper handling of credentials at the Olympics.

The International Tennis Federation did not immediately suspend the officials — all rated as top-level — but did suggest to the Grand Slam event that the three not umpire during the second week.

Unbeaten Cotto captures junior welterweight title belt

Cartwright's open title runs its course

By Rusty Bryan
Stars and Stripes

GARMISCH, Germany — Jack Cartwright of Kitzingen ended his season of perfect attendance at the 2004 Mountain Bike Challenge with his 10th military men's open victory in 11 tries Saturday, formally accepting the series trophy he clinched four races ago.

But that doesn't mean he wasn't up for a challenge in the final race of the series sponsored by Installation Management Agency-Europe's.

Pointing toward Mike Gallagher of Heidelberg and Tom Essick of Kaiserslautern, the two top overall finishers among U.S. ID card holders Saturday, Cartwright said, "When guys like Mike and Tom come out, you work your butt off. Mike's on the Armed Forces team, and Essick races German B Class."

Gallagher, racing for just the fourth time in this year's series, clocked 50 minutes, 54 seconds on Saturday. Essick, who won the open series championship for civilians, chose to race in the seniors event Saturday and completed the technically challenging 20-kilometer course in 52:05. This year was racing in the seniors category for riders 30-39, Cartwright's 55.39 was the top time in the open category among U.S. card-holding riders.

The race was conducted on Garmisch's hilly, wooded course on a perfect late-summer day, dry and in the low 70s. "This is the best of all the courses," Cartwright said of the 11 venues he raced this season. "Aviano and Hohenfels are close, but this is a true mountain course."

Cartwright and Christopher Asper of Aviano, Italy, runner-up for the military men's series open title, were the only riders to compete in all 11 races this season.

Mountain biking

With his 10 victories and a flat-tire second at Kitzingen in June, Cartwright amassed 263 points under the scoring system, which awards points based on the number of riders entered in each category in each event. Asper was second with 148.

Winning, however, isn't the only thing about the MTB Challenge that matters to Cartwright. Mountain bike racing, he said, rises above road racing because of the individuality of the race and the camaraderie of the racers.

"Mountain-bike racing is 100 percent effort," he said. "You have to be an all-around great rider. Barring equipment failure, the best-conditioned rider wins."

Military men's seniors series champion David Gallagher of Rhein-Main clocked 59:12 in winning his category for the second straight year.

Gallagher said he had his best race ever at Garmisch on Saturday.

"The dry conditions allowed me to be more aggressive in the technical sections," he said. "I was pedaling going downhill trying to catch the guys in front of me. I'd never pedaled the downhill here before."

Women's champion Katharine Freasier of Darmstadt, who led all of her gender by competing in and winning six races this season, was disappointed just two military women raced on Saturday.

"I'd like to see more women come out," said the Idahoan whose husband, Dennis, introduced her to the sport. "But it's not a sport that speaks to women."

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College football scoreboard

AP Top 25 fared

How the top 25 fared in the Associated Press' college football poll fared this week:

AP No. 1: USC (1-0) beat Southern 63-13. Next vs. No. 24 Oregon, Saturday.

AP No. 2: Oklahoma (2-0) beat South Carolina 26-16. Next vs. Marshall, Saturday.

AP No. 3: Miami State (0-1) beat Miami 26-10. Next vs. Florida Tech, Sat. 10.

AP No. 4: Miami (1-0) beat Utah 24-14. Next vs. Oklahoma, Sat. 10.

AP No. 5: Oklahoma State (0-1) beat Texas Tech 33-30. Next vs. No. 18 Auburn, Saturday.

AP No. 6: Texas Tech (0-1) beat Arkansas 22-20. Next vs. Rice, Sept. 27.

AP No. 7: Michigan (1-0) lost to Notre Dame 24-17. Next vs. Michigan State, Sat. 13.

AP No. 8: Ohio State (0-1) beat Marshall 24-21. Next vs. Miami State, Sat. 13.

AP No. 9: West Virginia (2-0) beat UCF 45-44. Next vs. Virginia Tech, Sat. 13.

AP No. 10: Florida (1-0) beat Eastern Michigan 49-14. Next vs. Michigan State, Sat. 13.

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AP No. 12: California (2-0) beat New Mexico State 45-14. Next vs. Southern Miss, Sat. 13.

AP No. 13: Kansas State (1-1) lost to Fresno State 42-14. Next vs. 14. Fresno State, Sat. 13.

AP No. 14: Tennessee (0-1) beat UNLV 42-17. Next vs. No. 11, Florida, Saturday.

AP No. 15: Virginia (2-0) beat North Carolina 50-24. Next vs. Akron, Saturday.

AP No. 16: Iowa (2-0) beat Iowa State 17-10. Next vs. Arizona State, Saturday.

AP No. 17: Arizona State (2-0) beat North Carolina 50-24. Next vs. Akron, Saturday.

AP No. 18: Utah (0-1) beat Utah State 42-14. Next vs. No. 6, LSU, Saturday.

AP No. 19: Auburn (1-0) beat Georgia Tech 24-14. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Tallahassee, Fla.

AP No. 20: Texas A&M (0-1) beat Texas Tech 33-30. Next vs. Oklahoma State, Sat. 13.

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Fresno routs K-State; USC rolls

Co-champ LSU sharp after last week's escape

The Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Paul Pinegar threw two touchdowns passes to Matt Rivera and also ran for a score as Fresno State routed No. 13 Kansas State 45-21 on Saturday.

Dwayne Wright ran two TDs before his season was ended by a knee injury in Fresno State's biggest victory over a ranked team — and the Wildcats' worst

Top 25 Roundup

regular-season nonconference loss in 15 years. Fresno State (2-0) earned its second road victory in seven days over a team from a Bowl Championship Series conference. Kansas State (1-1) had only two yards of offense in the first quarter and trailed 31-14 at the half. Star runner Darren Sproles was held to 37 yards on 11 carries.

No. 1 USC 49, Colorado State 0: At Los Angeles, LenDale White ran for 123 yards on 14 carries and scored a career-high three touchdowns to lead Southern California (2-0) to its 22nd victory in 23 games and 11th straight, second to Boise State's 13 among major colleges.

No. 2 Oklahoma 63, Houston 13: At Norman, Okla., Heisman Trophy winner, Jason White threw for 257 yards and two touchdowns and Antonio Perkins tied an NCAA record with his eighth career punt return TD for Oklahoma (2-0).

White was 14-for-18 without an interception.

Houston (0-2) trailed 49-7 at halftime.

No. 6 LSU 53, Arkansas State 3: At Baton Rouge, La., JaMarcus Russell threw two TD passes and Marcus Randall one for LSU.

The defending BCS champs



USC's LenDale White scores his second touchdown against Colorado State on Saturday. The Trojans won 49-0, their 11th straight victory.

(2-0) showed no sign of the struggle that left them scrambling to beat Oregon State in overtime in their opener. The offense rolled up 461 yards and scored the first six times it touched the ball against the Indians (0-2).

Justin Vincent rushed for 102 yards and two TDs on 13 carries. Joseph Addai had 95 yards and a touchdown on seven carries.

No. 10 WV Virginia 34, C. Florida 20: At Orlando, Fla., Rasheed Marshall completed 14 of 18 passes for 225 yards and four touchdowns and also ran for a score for the Mountaineers.

The Mountaineers (2-0) lost running back Kay-Jay Harris early to a leg injury. Harris set school and Big East records with 337 yards rushing in the opener last week.

Backup Jason Colson ran for

108 yards and a score to ruin George O'Leary's debut as coach of UCF (0-2). He missed last week's opener at Wisconsin to attend his mother's funeral.

No. 11 Florida 49, E. Michigan 10: At Gainesville, Fla., Chris Leak threw for 244 yards and three touchdowns as the Gators romped in their hurricane-delayed season opener.

Leak completed 16 of 25 passes in three quarters, and Clatrick Faison rushed for 105 yards and two TDs.

No. 12 California 41, New Mexico 14: At Berkeley, Calif., J.J. Arrington ran for 177 yards and three touchdowns and Aaron Rodgers completed 19 of 26 passes for 260 yards and two scores for Cal (2-0).

Arrington has six rushing TDs in two games this season, includ-

ing a 69-yard burst midway through the third quarter.

No. 15 Virginia 56, N. Carolina 24: At Charlottesville, Va., Wall Lundy scored three touchdowns for the Cavaliers (2-0, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) and Marquis Weeks returned a kickoff 100 yards against North Carolina (1-1, 0-1) for the second time in three years.

No. 16 Iowa 17, Iowa St. 10: At Iowa City, Ed Hinkel made a diving, fingertip catch for a 29-yard touchdown and Iowa (2-0) stiffened on defense when it needed to most to beat the Cyclones (1-1) for the second year in a row after losing five straight.

No. 17 Utah 23, Arizona 6: At Tucson, Ariz., Alex Smith passed for two scores, and Utah (2-0) stifled Arizona (1-1) with three fumble recoveries, a goal-line stand and an interception.

No. 18 Auburn 43, Mississippi St. 14: At Starkville, Miss., Carnell Williams ran for 122 yards and two TDs and Ronnie Brown added 147 yards rushing for Auburn (2-0).

No. 21 Wisconsin 18, UNLV 3: At Madison, Wis., Jim Leonard returned a blocked field goal 66 yards for a score and the Badgers (2-0) came up with two safeties.

No. 22 Minnesota 37, Illinois St. 21: At Minneapolis, Marion Barber (149 yards) and Laurence Maroney (141) surpassed 100 yards rushing and Minnesota (2-0) held off Division I-AA Illinois State.

No. 23 Maryland 45, Temple 22: College Park, Md., Stadium completed 18 of 25 passes for 268 yards and two touchdowns for Maryland (2-0).

Indiana 30, No. 24 Oregon 27: Eugene, Ore., DeVon Loevehoe threw for a TD and BenJarvus Green-Ellis ran for 91 yards and a score, giving Indiana its first 2-0 start since 1996.

No. 25 Purdue 59, Ball St. 7: At West Lafayette, Ind., Kyle Orton threw for a career-high five touchdowns and ran for a TD for the Boilermakers (2-0).

Air Force, Navy get victories; Army falls

The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Freshman Shaun Carney threw for two touchdowns and rushed for one, and Air Force found the end zone on its first three possessions in a 42-20 victory over Eastern Washington on Saturday.

The Falcons (1-1) led 21-0 after one quarter on scoring runs by Carney, Darnell Stephens and Edward Moss.

Carney completed 10 of 15 passes for 139 yards and rushed for 62 yards. His 3-yard run capped a six-play, 70-yard drive and gave the Falcons a 7-0 lead.

Dan Shaffer had a 34-yard TD run for the Falcons and finished with 131 yards on the ground. Stephens scored twice.

In the final minute of the first half, Carney hit Stephens for a 21-yard touchdown pass to make it 28-13.

Navy 28, Northeastern 24: At Annapolis, Md., quarterback Aaron Polanco scored three touchdowns and rushed for 143 yards for Navy (2-0).

Polanco, who carried 29 times, scored on runs of 2 and 1 yard. He surpassed 100 yards for the second game in a row and has five TDs.

Navy, which trailed 17-14 at the half, won its first two games of the season for the first time since 1996, when it won the Aloha Bowl.

The Midshipmen gained most of their yards on the ground, rushing for 300 yards on 58 carries and adding 36 through the air. Kyle Eckels added 55 yards on 18 carries for Navy.

Northeastern (1-1) had a final chance with two minutes to play, but Navy's Babatunde Akingbemi batted down a pass by Shawn Brady on a fourth-and-4 play at midfield, and the Middies ran out the clock.

Louisville 52, Army 21: At West Point, N.Y., Stefan Lefors threw for 122 yards and Michael Bush ran for two touchdowns as Louisville routed Bobby Ross' debut as Army coach.

Broderick Clark caught six passes for 122 yards and Louisville (2-0) gained 574 yards. Ross, 67, led Georgia Tech to a national championship in 1990, the San Diego Chargers into the Super Bowl in 1995 and last coached the Detroit Lions in 2000. He was lured out of retirement after Army (0-1) completed the first 0-13 season in major college football history. The Black Knights have lost 16 straight overall.

Carlton Jones ran for 93 yards in 13 carries for Army, including a 54-yard touchdown run. Army's Reggie Nevels was 9-for-19 for 126 yards, including a 60-yard TD pass to Bruce Brown.

Nebraska shocked at home by S. Miss

The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Dustin Almond threw a 46-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Young with 7:47 left and Southern Mississippi made a defensive stand in the final minutes to preserve a 21-17 victory over mistake-prone Nebraska on Saturday.

Southern Miss (1-0) converted four of Nebraska's five turnovers into points and became the first nonconference opponent since Washington in 1991 to beat Nebraska (1-1) at home.

Victory was assured after Southern Miss linebacker Dillon Ciekler chased quarterback Joe Dailey out of bounds short of a 24-yard marker on a fourth down in the 20 in the final minute.

Alabama 28, Mississippi 7: At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Brodie Croyle threw two touchdown passes and



Ray Hudson rushed for a career-high 116 yards and two TDs for Alabama, 2-0 for the first time since 1999.

Stanford 37, BYU 10: At Stanford, Calif., Trent Edwards passed for a career-high 297 yards and three touchdowns and T.J. Rushing returned a kickoff 99 yards for a score as Stanford (2-0) brought BYU (1-1) back to earth a week after the Cougars upset Notre Dame.

Va. Tech 63, W. Michigan 0: At Blacksburg, Va., Bryan Randall threw for 253 yards and two TDs, helping end a four-game losing streak by Virginia Tech (1-1).

USC 35, Illinois 17: At Champaign, Ill., Drew Olson threw

three touchdown passes and Maurice Drew rushed for 75 yards, helping UCLA (1-1) snap a six-game losing streak.

New Hampshire 35, Rutgers 28: At Piscataway, N.J., redshirt freshman Ricky Santos threw for 145 yards and a school-record five touchdowns as Division I-AA New Hampshire got its first victory over a Division I-A team since the NCAA created the two divisions in the late 1970s. While New Hampshire (2-0) added to its laurels after beating defending I-AA champ Delaware last week, Rutgers was humbled a week after shocking Michigan State 19-14.

In other noteworthy games: ■ Mick Fassen ran for 994 yards and four TDs and Kemp Lucie scored twice and gained 187 yards in Olivet's 62-6 defeat of Franklin. Danny Sears had a 93-yard kickoff return and a 71-yard punt return for Franklin touchdowns.

■ Chaz Williams scored three TDs in the first 10 minutes as Georgia Southern set a Southern Conference points record in an 84-3 rout of Johnson C. Smith.

■ Travis Glasford rushed for 229 yards and a school-record six TDs as Western Illinois pounded hapless Cheyenne 98-7, falling seven points shy of Portland State's Division I-AA scoring mark of 105 points, set in 1980 against Delaware State Cheyenne, which lost 71-0 to Northeastern last week, has been outscored 208-26 in its three defeats.

■ Defending NCAA Division III champion St. John's (Minn.) beat Northwestern (Minn.) 48-0 to get back on the winning track after having its 19-game winning streak snapped 30-26 by Wisconsin-Eau Claire in its opener. It was victory No. 415 for St. John's coach John Gagliardi, college football's winningest coach.

'Horns top Hogs in latest shootout

BY JAY HUGHES

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Heartbreak struck at Arkansas' home stadium again, a trait that's become a hallmark of close games in the Razorbacks' storied rivalry against Texas.

Arkansas fans still grieve over their 1969 loss in "The Big Shootout," when Texas came from behind to win 15-14 in Fayetteville in a game that determined the national championship.

There was less on the line Saturday night, but the hard-fought 22-20 loss to No. 7 Texas will surely kill Razorbacks — and their Longhorns — for years because the programs, rivals from the old Southwest Conference days, are off each others' schedule after this season and no renewal has been planned.

The loss — breaking Arkansas' 22-game winning streak against nonconference, regular-season opponents — played out before a strongly partisan record crowd of 75,671 that was silenced only when Arkansas was intercepted on the last play of the game.

"I respect Texas," Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said. "The thing that's so tough is that we could be easily singing our song right now."

Texas (2-0) was looking for revenge after an unranked Arkansas

team upset the Longhorns in Austin, 38-28 last year, when Texas was ranked No. 5.

"We hate it when we lose. We've had to answer before. Coming from behind and winning after losing the previous year was great with the whole nation watching," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

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Cedric Benson rushed for 188 yards and scored two touchdowns for Texas, and Vince Young was 11-for-22 for 150 yards passing. The Longhorns had no turnovers and converted on fourth-and-1 at their own 40 to keep their initial touchdown drive alive.

Arkansas (1-1) gave Texas the margin of victory on the game's first drive. Long snapper Brett Goode sailed the ball over Jacob Skinner's head and out of the end zone for a safety, putting Texas up 2-0 with less than a half-minute gone.

Early in the fourth quarter, Chris Balseiro brought Arkansas back to within two with a 35-yard field goal. The Razorbacks got the



Texas running back Cedric Benson rushed for 188 yards and two touchdowns in the No. 7 Longhorns' 22-20 victory over rival Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., on Saturday night.

ball on their own 48 with 6:11 left and converted on third-and-1 before Jones hit Cedric Washington for a 27-yard gain to the Texas 15. But three plays later, Jones was forced from the pocket and fumbled when the ball was punched out of his grasp from behind by Larry Dibbles, Texas' Brian Robinson recovered at the 8.

After getting the ball back with 48 seconds left, Jones drove Arkansas to midfield before throwing his second interception, a desperation heave as the clock wound down. Earlier in the period, Jones' pass was intercepted at the Texas 20 by cornerback Cedric Griffin.

"It was a dog fight to the end," Brown said.

No. 3 Bulldogs rally at South Carolina

BY JACOB JORDAN

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — It's never easy for Georgia at Williams-Brice Stadium.

The third-ranked Bulldogs came from 16 points down behind David Greene's 213 yards and two touchdown passes to beat South Carolina 20-16 on Saturday night.

"Everytime we come here, it's really no fun at all," Bulldogs coach Mark Richt said.

Two years ago, Georgia (2-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) defeated South Carolina 13-7 on the way to an SEC title.

The Bulldogs were flat early, but found their rhythm in their first road test of the season.

"Sometimes we get better as the season goes on, sometimes we start off hot, like we did last year," said Greene, who admitted it wasn't his best performance. "I didn't play particularly well today, don't know why. But when you're not having a great game, you've just got to fight."

Greene finally began connecting with Fred Gibson and Reggie

Brown, whose 22-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter put the Bulldogs up 20-16. The two receivers combined for 10 catches for 130 yards.

Greene was 19-for-38 with one interception. His first touchdown was a 12-yard pass to Tyson Browning near the end of the third quarter.

"When we finally scored that touchdown, we finally got something positive going," Greene said.

South Carolina (1-1, 0-1) had a couple of chances to score late.

The Gamecocks drove to the Georgia 18, but Greg Blue forced Dondrick Pinkins to fumble.

The Gamecocks got the ball back a couple of plays later when Marcus Lawrence forced a fumble.

On fourth-and-one with five minutes to go, Georgia's defense again held off Pinkins, and Paul Oliver ended the Gamecocks' final threat with an interception near midfield.

"We have to learn how to win close games," South Carolina coach Lou Holtz said. "This will be a good learning lesson for us."

With wild finish, Ga. Tech knocks off No. 20 Clemson

BY JEFFREY COLLINS

The Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Reggie Ball threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Chris Johnson with 11 seconds left to give Georgia Tech a 28-24 victory over No. 20 Clemson on Saturday night.

Johnson, a freshman, reached high over the Tigers' Justin Miller just inside the goal line near the left sideline to haul in his third touchdown of the game.

The winning score came one play after Clemson's Geoff Rigby's fourth-down snap skipped pass punter Cole Chason, who had to fall on the loose ball deep in his own territory.

The Tigers (1-1, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) still had one more chance. Airse Curry returned the kickoff to the Georgia Tech 31 with 3 seconds to go. But Charlie Whitehurst's pass to Kelvin Grant fell incomplete as three Yellow Jackets swarmed the receiver in the end zone.

The wild game saw five touchdowns in the final 8 1/2 minutes, including three scores by Georgia Tech (2-0, 1-0) in the final 4:36.

The Yellow Jackets would have been out of it without Johnson and Ball. They connected for an 8-yard TD pass with 1:50 left.

Georgia Tech didn't come near recovering the onside kick and the game looked lost, especially after Whitehurst ran for 9 yards on a keeper on the next play.

But the Yellow Jackets stopped the Tigers for no gain twice, forcing Clemson to punt.

Rigby's snap never got any height and skipped past Chason, who just fell on it at the Tigers 11.

The stunned crowd at Death Valley didn't even have time to collect its breath before Ball found Johnson for the winning score.

Johnson caught eight passes for 127 yards and scored three touchdowns in only his second game.



Irish QB Brady Quinn pitches the ball during Saturday's 28-20 win.

Nugent field goalists No. 9 Ohio State

BY RUSTY MILLER

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — In the quiet of the Marshall dressing room, a simple fact stood between the Thundering Herd and one of their biggest upsets ever.

"We had a chance," coach Bob Pruett said softly. "They made their kick. We missed ours."

Mike Nugent kicked a 55-yard field goal as time expired to give No. 9 Ohio State a 24-21 victory over Marshall on Saturday.

Not even Nugent was sure the ball had slid through the uprights.

"Everytime I hit a solid ball it goes back and forth a little bit," he said. "It kind of scared me at first. It was going deep-center

and then it started going back in. I was just telling it to go in and that last second it made it by about 2 inches."

The Buckeyes (2-0) have won 13 of their last 14 games decided by a touchdown or less over the last two-plus seasons, including a 7-0 record while winning the national championship in 2002.

"These games happen so often here it seems," linebacker A.J. Hawk said.

With the game tied, Ohio State took over at its own 45 after a poor punt by Ian O'Connor with 25 seconds left. It was O'Connor's second crucial mis-kick in the quarter. He missed a 35-yard field goal with the score tied 21-21 and just over three minutes left.

After the shank, Justin Zwick hit Antonio Holmes — who had 10 catches for 218 yards and two touchdowns — for gains of 9 and 8 yards. Zwick then completed a 5-yard pass to tight end Ryan Hanby, with the clock continuing to run because the Buckeyes were out of timeouts.

Zwick, who hit on 18 of 30 passes for 318 yards and three scores, was able to get under center and stop the clock by downing the ball with 2 seconds left, with a motion penalty called on the play that made the kick even longer.

Nugent then had more than enough leg — and time — to put the ball through out of a perfect hold by Kyle Turano. It matched the longest field goal by an Ohio State kicker in Ohio Stadium's 82 years.

to Michigan last year, the most lopsided game of the series which the Irish used as motivation in the offseason.

Notre Dame students ran out on the field to celebrate the win, turning the field into a sea of green T-shirts. Athletic director Kevin White ran up to Tyrone Willingham on the field, put his arm around the coach's shoulder and walked him up to the locker

when Stovall recovered the on-side kick.

"We have no excuses here," Carr said. "Give Notre Dame all the credit. We just didn't do the things necessary to win."

The game came as a relief to Irish fans, who had seen their team lose twice to USC by 31 points over the past two seasons and once to Florida State by 37. Then there was the 38-point loss

Irish: Notre Dame gives fans relief for at least week

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The Irish pulled away in the fourth quarter when Rashon Powers-Neal caught a play-action pass from Quinn for an 8-yard touchdown to make it 28-12.

The Wolverines closed to 28-20 with a 27-yard TD on a 25-yard TD punt from Hennessey. Steve Breaston, Hennessey and Breaston then connected for a two-point play. But Notre Dame clinched the victory

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Irish fight back

A week after disappointing loss, struggling Notre Dame revives turnaround hopes with win over No. 8 Michigan

BY TOM COYNE
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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame found a familiar way to make its problems go away — beat Michigan.

"Anytime you knock off a top-10 team it is a big win. Our guys did something significant, but it was still one win," coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We can't get ahead of ourselves. Tomorrow we have to start all over."

Using the ingredients that vaulted the Fighting Irish to wins in Willingham's first eight games two years ago, Notre Dame used a stingy defense, an opportunistic offense and a key special teams play to beat Michigan 28-20 on Saturday.

Willingham and the Irish have been the target for much criticism while losing 10 of 15 since that eight-game run in 2002. Now, there's renewed hope in South Bend for a turnaround after a third straight victory over Michigan in South Bend.

The difference this time was an unexpected offensive star for the Irish.

Freshman Darius Walker, who didn't even play a week ago in a deflating loss to Brigham Young, ran for 115 yards on 31 carries and two fourth-quarter touchdowns. He is the first Notre Dame freshman to rush for more than 100 yards since Julius Jones had 146 yards against Navy in 1999.

"I didn't even know who that was running the ball," cornerback Martin Jackson said. "He's a good player and he had a good game."

Notre Dame (1-1) earned its first victory over a top-10 team since beating fifth-ranked Michigan 25-23 two years ago. Since that game, the Irish were 0-4 against top-10 teams, losing by a combined 164-27 — including the 38-0 loss to Michigan last season.

The Wolverines (1-1) lost their opening road game for a fifth straight year — again doing serious early damage to their national championship aspirations.

"I think if you check the teams we played, we played pretty good teams," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said.

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RB Darius Walker (31 carries, 115 yards, two TDs) on Saturday became the first Notre Dame freshman to rush for more than 100 yards since Julius Jones in 1999 as Notre Dame defeated No. 8 Michigan 28-20.

The Wolverines have lost twice to Notre Dame and at Oregon, Washington and UCLA during that span.

The biggest surprise, though, was Walker and the Notre Dame running game, which produced just 11 yards in its opener.

The Georgian ran for 61 yards on 14 carries in the fourth quarter as Notre Dame took control.

"Basically, I was just worried about doing my job to the best of my ability and the best that I could," Walker said. "I just tried

to block everything else out.

"It was an experience," he said. The Irish were trailing 12-7 late in the third quarter when Wolverines freshman Chad Henne threw high to Braylon Edwards. The ball bounced high off Edwards' hands and cornerback Dwight Ellick intercepted it at the Michigan 29. Brady Quinn completed a pair of passes to Maurice Stovall for 19 yards, the second pass to the 6-yard line. Walker ran around right end and

reached the TD to give the

Irish a 14-12 lead.

On Michigan's next possession, the Wolverines went three-and-out. On the punt, Jerome Collins broke up the middle and Chase Anastasio came in around the right end and they combined to block the punt. Corey Mays recovered the ball on the Michigan 5.

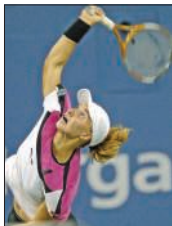
Walker scored on the next play, this time going untouched around left end.

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